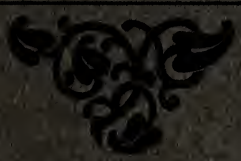
PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Southern Christian Convention



Sessions 1904 and 1906

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Southern Christian Convention,

Held April 26-29, 1904, at Berea Christian Church, Nansemond County, Drivers, Va.

DRIVERS, VA., April 26, 1904.

The Southern Christian Convention met with the Berea Christian Church, Nansemond County, Virginia, April 26, 1904, at 10 a. m., in its fifteenth regular session, and was called to order by the President, Rev. P. H. Fleming.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Wellons. Hymn—"All hail the power of Jesus' name." Scripture lesson, Cor. 13th chapter, and prayer.

The pastor of the church, Rev. N. G. Newman, welcomed the Convention in fitting terms, and response was made by Rev. M. W. Butler on behalf of the Convention.

The roll of Conferences was called and the following enrolled as delegates:

NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.—*Ministers:* J. O. Atkinson, C. C. Peel, J. W. Wellons, J. W. Holt, W. S. Long, D.D. *Laymen:* R. S. Petty, D. S. Farmer.

EASTERN VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.—*Ministers:* W.W. Staley, D.D., N. G. Newman, I. W. Johnson, C. H. Rowland, J. W. Harrell, H. H. Butler. *Laymen:* I. A. Luke, W. J. Lee, A. Savage, J. E. West.

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Ministers:* W. G. Clements, M. W. Butler, J. L. Foster. *Layman:* I. W. Pritchard.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—*Ministers:* P. H. Fleming, L. I. Cox, J. W. Patton. *Layman:* E. L. Moffitt.

VALLEY VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.—Not represented.

GEORGIA AND ALABAMA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.—Not represented.

ALABAMA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.—*Laymen:* J. C. Colley, G. O. Lankford.

The Convention was organized by the election of the following officers:

Rev. W. W. Staley, D.D.....President.
Rev. J. O. Atkinson.....Vice-President.
Rev. J. W. Patton.....Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary and Treasurer being standing officers, no election was held.

The President-elect was presented to the Convention by Rev. P. H. Fleming, the retiring President.

Rev. P. H. Fleming was excused from preaching the opening sermon.

On motion, adjourned with Doxology, and benediction by Rev. P. H. Fleming.

Afternoon Session.

Convention met. Religious services conducted by Rev. P. S. Sailer, after which the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. J. W. Wellons, assisted by the President of the Convention.

On motion, Revs. P. S. Sailer, R. H. Peel, J. W. Barrett, W. T. Herndon were invited to honorary seats in the Convention.

The Executive Committee submitted its report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, the Executive Committee of the Southern Christian Convention, beg leave to report as follows:

We confirmed by appointment the delegates named by the conferences of the Southern Christian Convention to represent the said convention in the session of the American Christian Convention, which met in Norfolk, Va., October, 1902, and Secretary P. J. Kernodle issued certificates to the delegates thus selected.

On December 31, 1902, we appointed Rev. J. W. Wellons, Prof. S. A. Holleman and W. C. Isley trustees of the Southern Christian Convention.

In accordance with instructions of the last convention the Treasurer has given bond. It is given in the "Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland," Baltimore, Md., at a cost of $25 per year to the convention.

We approved the said bond and deposited the same with Prof. S. A. Holleman for safe keeping.

On March 6, 1903, in a meeting at Elon College we approved the action of the publication committee in accepting the resignation of Prof. W. P. Lawrence and the election of Rev. J. O. Atkinson instead, as publishing agent of the Southern Christian Convention. Rev. J. O. Atkinson presented a list of books belonging to the Convention, turned over by the former agent, which list is in the hands of the chairman of the Executive Committee. Prof. W. P. Lawrence was indulged as to his final report and settlement, owing to sickness, the same to be made to chairman of Executive Committee, as soon as he recovered. Prof. W. P. Lawrence, retiring publishing agent, made his report and settled with the chairman of your committee. The report of Prof. W. P. Lawrence together with the report of Rev. J. O. Atkinson agent-elect, the chairman of the committee, is ready to present at the will of the Convention.

We accepted the kind invitation from Berea church to meet with them our next session, which session is now assembled.

In accordance with instructions we have prepared convention program; had the same published in the Christian Sun, and with a few changes ordered 500 copies published for distribution and use during the sitting of the body.

We, your committee, decided to take no action in regard to the paper on "Appeals," which was referred to us by the last session of this body, believing that the Convention in session better able to wisely consider, recommend and decide questions of such importance.

The above we submit as humble servants of this body, and pray its consideration and adoption.

P. H. Fleming, *Chairman.*
P. J. Kernodle, *Secretary.*
J. O. Atkinson.

Rev. P. H. Fleming, the retiring President, made the following report, which was referred to a Committee on Finance:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION.

As President of the Southern Christian Convention I herewith make the following report. I have drawn the following orders on the Treasurer of the Convention since our last meeting, May 2-6, 1902:

1902.			
May	14.	To W. C. Wicker, notes	$91.25
		Cash, account of 20th Century Fund	33.75
		Total	$125.00
	16.	To E. M. Carter, 20th Century Fund	$22.00
June	10.	To W. P. Lawrence, P. Agt., order of Con	4.60
Sept.	6.	To W. P. Lawrence, P. A. Con. minutes and postage	64.00
	12.	To S. A. Etheridge, Tr. Nor. M. T. acct. of S. C. Con. for A. C. C. entertainment	200.00
Dec.	3.	To S. A. Holleman, Tr. E. Col. acct. E. Col. fund	500.00
	26.	To S. A. Holleman, Tr. E. Col. acct. of E. Col. fund.	350.00
1903.			
Feb.	3.	To Ral. R. E. & T. Co., acct. of Con. fund premium on bond of Treasurer	25.00
		To J. F. Burnett, Sec. A. C. C. M., Ind. acct. of Foreign Missions to be distributed as per schedule fixed by A. C. C	1,000.00
Mar.	4.	To S. A. Holleman, Tr. E. col. acct. col. fund	150.00
Sept.	28.	To J. F. Burnett, Sec. A. C. C. Muncie, Ind. acct. of Foreign Missions to be distributed as per schedule fixed by A. C. C	500.00
Dec.	26.	To S. A. Holleman, Tr. E. Col. acct. Col. fund	1,000.00
1904.			
Apr.	1.	To Ral. R. E. & T. Co. acct. Con. fund premium on bond of Treasurer	25.00
	21.	To S. A. Holleman, Tr. E. College, act. E. Col. fund	162.75
		Total	$4,128.35

I call attention to the fact that the Convention is due the Orphanage Fund $91.25, which obligation was brought about in the settlement with Prof. W. C. Wicker, chairman of the 20th Century Fund, by Brother Wicker taking up notes of his to that amount which the Convention held against him, which notes, when collected, had been ordered by the convention to be turned over to the Orphanage Fund. I urge the payment of this amount—91.25—to the Orphanage Fund. I regret to report that I have been unable to effect a settlement of the D. J. Mood account as per instructions of last Convention.

I would urge the conferences to take the convention collections and to remit the amounts received to the Treasurer of the Convention.

P. H. Flemming,
President Christian Convention.

April 26, 1904.

Rev. J. L. Foster, Secretary of Orphanage Fund, submitted his report, which was referred to Committee on Finance:

ORPHANAGE FUND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Year.	Ex.	Col.
1897 incidentals	$24.66	$378.38
1898 incidentals	69.37	660.82
1899 incidentals	31.77	694.26
1900 incidentals	27.01	850.31
1901 incidentals	37.21	852.71
1902 incidentals	117.14	862.42
1903 incidentals	152.18	980.91
1904 incidentals	32.49	132.79
Total	$491.83	
Errors	1.18	
In bank	283.34	
Due from Cen. fund '03	91.25	
Paid J. A. Mills, Treasurer	4,500.00	
Treas. Com. on $3,000	45.00	
Total	$5,412.60	$5,412.60

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. L. FOSTER, *Secretary.*

April 20, 1904.

On motion, the following were appointed a Committee on Finance: I. A. Luke, A. Savage, I. W. Pritchard.

The report of the Publishing Agent, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING AGENT THE CHRISTIAN SUN.

On February 22, 1903, the *Christian Sun,* without type, press or office fixtures, came into the possession of the present editor at the cash cost on that date of $2,200. Since that time the paper has been printed by contract. The number of *bona fide* subscribers, last report, May 1, 1902, to this Convention was 1,719. The present number, April 22, 1904, *bona fide* subscribers, is 2,046; distributed as follows: North Carolina, 924; Virginia, 729; Alabama, 134; Georgia, 47; Florida, 10; Indiana, 8; Ohio, 12; Pennsylvania, Texas, Louisiana, 4 each; New York, Porto Rico, Nebraska, Illinois, North Dakota, Maryland and District Columbia, 3 each; South Carolina, Montana, Rhode Island, Michi-

gan, New Jersey, Colorado, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Kentucky, Maine, Indian Territory, Iowa, 1 each; West Virginia, 2.

Expense of issuing the *Sun* the past year, that is to say, from February 22, 1903, to February 22, 1904, was $1,331.62; and from February 22, 1903, to April 22, 1904 ($1,618.94). The amount collected on subscriptions from February 22, 1903, to February 22, 1904, was $1,502.95, and from February 22, 1904, to April 22, 1904, amount collected on subscription, was $1,975.53.

From May 15, 1900, to May 15, 1901, the last year in which the paper was maintained at a subscription price of $2.00 per year, there was collected on subscriptions $2,183.08, a falling off in subscriptions of $680.13.

Reducing the subscription price from $2.00 to $1.50 per year has been so far a great loss to the editor and publisher. This says nothing of the increase from four to eight pages.

Owing to the increase of the cost of printing and material and owing to the superior quality of paper used, the *Christian Sun*, if maintained as at present, will cost annually $1,564.15, which amount is $233.00 more than income from subscriptions the past year. These facts are rather painful to contemplate, and call for the deep soilcitude of every minister and layman in this Convention, if *The Sun* is to be kept at its present status.

GOVERNMENT AND PRINCIPLES.

February 22, 1903, received of former agent, 80 cloth; 18 Morocco, and 137 paper.

To sale on 13 cloth @ 50c	$6.50
Balance on hand, 67 cloth.	
To sale on 2 Morocco @ 75c	1.50
Balance on hand, 16 Morocco.	
To sale on 137 paper, 10c	13.70
Total	$21.70
By commission, 15 per cent on $21.70	3.25
By postage	4.71
Total	$7.96
April 22, 1904, by check to J. A. Mlls, Treasurer	13.74

BOOK DEPOSITORY.

In complying with the order of this Convention at the session of 1900 a book depository has been conducted in connection with the *Christian Sun* office.

During the 14 months the present Publishing Agent has been in charge the sales have amounted to $545.88. Distributed as follows:

Bibles, $348.10; Gov. and Prin., $21.70; Sunday school song books, $14.55; miscellaneous, including Christian Hymnaries for C. P. A., $161.53.

Through this medium and on these small sales your agent has effected a saving of at least $100.00 to the church.

This department should receive the hearty support and sympathy of ministers and laymen. If members and friends of the church would remember this department in their purchase of religious books they could easily help this department of our work and at the same time save money to themselves. Nearly or quite all publishers will furnish their books to a church depository much cheaper than they will to individuals. For this reason this department solicits your patronage.

All of which is respectfully submitted, J. O. Atkinson,
April 23, 1904. *Elon College, N. C.*

The report of the Treasurer, John A. Mills, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1902.	PUBLICATION FUND.		
April 24.	By balance on hand		$250.68
Jan. 1.	By interest		5.10
April 22.	By amount to balance	$255.69	
		$255.69	$255.69
1902.	CONVENTION FUND.		
April 24.	By balance on hand		$86.78
June 12.	To order No. 17	$4.60	
Sept. 12.	To check for draft 18	64.00	
Oct. 10.	To S. A. Etheredge	200.00	
23.	By amount Foreign Missions		200.00
Nov. 8.	By W. D. Harward note		43.60
1903.			
Jan. 2.	To amount credited Orphan Fund	43.60	
Feb. 6.	By check Eastern N. C. Convention		52.00
6.	To check to pay order 22	25.00	
Dec. 14.	By check J. E. Ballentine		15.00
1904.			
April 5.	To check for order 27	25.00	
22.	To commissions	2.94	
22.	By amount to balance	32.24	
		$397.38	$397.38

ORPHANAGE FUND.

1902.				
April	24.	By balance on hand		$2,955.00
	24.	By amount donation (J. A. Mills)		45.00
July	1.	By check J. L. Foster		12.75
	1.	By check J. L. Foster		410.75
	1.	By interest		75.00
1903.				
Jan.	1.	By Rev. J. L. Foster		12.75
	1.	By interest to date		61.47
	2.	By Rev. J. L. Foster		227.28
	2.	By transfer Convention Fund		43.60
	3.	By Rev. J. L. Foster		6.40
July	1.	By interest from bank		68.50
	1.	By interest Rev. J. L. Foster		12.75
1904.				
Jan	1.	By interest		70.12
	1.	By Rev. J. L. Foster		12.75
	1.	By Rev. J. L. Foster		485.88
April	22.	By balance on hand	$4,500.00	
			$4,500.00	$4,500.00

ELON COLLEGE FUND.

1902.				
April	24.	To balance	$13.52	
Nov.	28.	By T. J. Lawrence, Es. Va. Con		575.00
Dec.	6.	To cash S. A. Holleman, order No. 20	500.00	
	9.	By J. A. Turrentine, Y. N. C. Con		90.00
	15.	By T. W. Strowd		240.00
	27.	To check S. A. Holleman, order No. 21	350.00	
	30.	By check J. E. Ballentine		126.50
1903.				
Mar.	6.	To check S. A. Holleman, order No. 24	150.00	
Nov.	16.	By check J. A. Turrentine		105.06
Dec.	14.	By check J. E. Ballentine		204.00
	14.	By check T. J. Lawrence		680.95
	16.	By check Thomas W. Strowd		230.00
	16.	To commissions	17.94	
	20.	To check S. A. Holleman, order No. 6	1,000.00	
1904.				
April	19.	To commissions	15.82	
	22.	By balance on hand	204.23	
			$2,251.51	$2,251.51

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1902.			
April 24.	By balance		$1,035.33
Sept. 9.	By check T. J. Lawrence		200.00
Oct. 23.	To check charged Con. Fund error, recording this account Sept. 9	$200.00	
Nov. 1.	By S. N. Sledge		20.56
1.	By C. D. Maphis		27.64
28.	By T. J. Lawrence		500.00
Dec. 9.	By J. A. Turrentine		103.00
15.	By T. W. Strowd		200.00
1903.			
Feb. 10.	To check J. F. Burnett, order No. 23	1,000.00	
July 1.	By interest		16.00
Oct. 5.	To check Rev. J. F. Burnett	500.00	
30.	By check J. M. Welch		20.01
Nov. 16.	By check J. M. Turrentine		120.26
Dec. 14.	By check C. D. Maphis		33.10
14.	By check J. E. Ballentine		155.00
14.	By check T. J. Lawrence		500.00
14.	By T. W. Strowd		170.00
1904.			
Jan. 1.	By interest		12.10
April 22.	To commissions	46.69	
22.	By balance on hand	1,366.31	
		$3,113.00	$3,113.00

RECAPITULATION.

Balances on hand:	
From Publication Fund	$255.69
From Convention Fund	32.24
From Orphanage Fund	4,500.00
From Elon College Fund	204.23
From Foreign Mission Fund	1,366.31
	$6,358.47

Respectfully submitted, JOHN A. MILLS,
Treasurer.

Raleigh, N. C., April 22, 1904.

The program proposed by the Executive Committee was, on motion, adopted as the order of business.

The Committee on Home Missions submitted its report,

which, after some discussion, was referred to its regular place on the program.

A letter of greeting from Rev. J. F. Burnett, Secretary of the American Christian Convention, was read by Rev. P. H. Fleming. On motion, the Secretary of this Convention was directed to make proper response.

On motion, adjourned; benediction by Rev. N. G. Newman.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Driver's, Va., Wednesday, April 27, 1904.

Convention met. Religious services conducted by Rev. H. W. Elder.

Roll called, minutes read and approved.

The following were enrolled as members of the Convention: Rev. H. W. Elder, from Georgia and Alabama Conference; W. P. Lawrence, from Western North Carolina Conference; Dr. J. W. Manning and E. E. Holland, from Eastern Virginia Conference; H. V. Simpson, from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

The report of the Committee on Schools and Colleges was submitted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

The future of denominational colleges involves status, curricula, and finance. With improved public schools and richly endowed universities, is there necessity for the church college? The public school seems to aim at universal education without thought of religion. Great universities do not even attempt discipline, but simply furnish opportunity to aspiring minds to investigate science, letters, and art. The denominational college aims to produce full-orbed manhood and womanhood. All the exercises are held under religious management with spiritual purposes in view.

What shall be taught? Science, letters, and arts, but not to the exclusion of faith in God and His Word. The Christian religion inspires the life of the institution and dominates its associations and works.

Is money given to such institutions wisely invested? If Christendom derives its character, prosperity, and best government from the Chris-

tian religion, then all bestowments upon her institutions are the wisest contributions made to education. The church college conserves the spiritual quality of the pulpit, religious press, public school, and many of the professions, and, therefore, fills a place essential to the faith, stability and progress of human society.

Recent discussions of "Is the Trend of College Education away from Christ?" at least suggest the importance of making the life of denominational colleges religious and spiritual in their influence over students. It is impossible to make all education Christo- centric, as it is impossible to mine pure gold. Truth must be separated from masses of error in philosophy, history, and literature, but the characters of teachers and societies in the college should environ the student body with a moral and spiritual atmosphere. It is this personal influence as a unit-force in the faculty that determines tendencies, inspires life, moulds character, and crowns education.

The Bible is taught at Elon College, as a part of the curriculum, religious societies give wide scope for the exercise of spiritual thought and experience, and the faculty feels a keen sense of religious responsibility towards the students. The best in college life is the personality of its members and the future of its students; but we give an epitomized history of the institution in order that the constituency of the church may know how its affairs are conducted and what history it has already written.

Financial history of earnings from tuition, and salaries paid faculty from the opening, September 2, 1890, to June 4, 1903, entire period of thirteen years:

Year.	Booked.	Collected.	Salaries.	Salaries Paid.	Salaries Overp'd.	Salaries Unpaid.
1890–'91	$2, 206. 85	$2, 206. 85	$2, 206. 85	$2, 206. 85	.....	.....
1891–'92	4, 061 72	2, 957. 68	3, 932. 50	2, 831. 50	.....	$1, 101. 00
1892–'93	5, 857. 07	4, 184. 42	4, 757. 50	3, 950. 66	.....	806. 64
1893–'94	4, 387. 46	3, 131. 47	5, 550. 00	3, 032. 93	.....	2, 517. 07
1894–'95	4, 378. 12	3, 570. 53	3, 850. 00	4, 787. 31	$707. 31	.....
1895–'96	4, 329. 85	3, 195. 51	4, 250. 00	4, 561. 97	311. 97	.....
1896–'97	4, 297. 30	4, 020. 32	4, 076. 00	4, 457. 55	381. 55	.....
1897–'98	1, 803. 63	2, 107. 44	4, 300. 00	6, 368. 46	2, 068. 46	.....
1898–'99	3, 385. 10	4, 300. 00	4, 300. 00	5, 025. 62	725. 62	.....
1899–'00	4, 361. 96	3, 179. 57	4, 100. 00	3, 275. 08	.....	824. 92
1900–'01	4, 961. 62	3, 610. 72	3, 950. 00	3, 769. 60	.....	180. 40
1901–'02	4, 785. 00	3, 932. 80	4, 100. 00	4, 900. 32	800. 32	.....
1902–'03	5, 777. 00	3, 987. 72	4, 250. 00	4, 455. 00	205. 00	.....
Totals....	54, 532. 68	44, 384. 83	53, 622. 85	53, 622. 85	5, 430. 23	5, 430. 23
Averages	4, 197. 13	3, 414. 21	4, 124. 83	4, 124. 83		

Total uncollected in 13 years	$10,147.85
Average uncollected per year	780.60
Total deficit in 13 years	9,237.85
Average deficit per year	710.60

The receipts from tuition fees lack more than seven hundred dollars in paying teachers. This deficit must be paid from other funds, and the necessity for larger resources increases each year.

MATRICULATION AND HISTORY OF STUDENT BODY FOR THIRTEEN YEARS.

Year.	No. Males.	No. Females.	Total Attendance.	Graduates.	Music.	Ministerial Students.	Art Department.	Commercial Department.
1890–'91	71	34	105	3	21	10	9	.....
1891–'92	63	49	112	1	.....	10	12	.....
1892–'93	76	53	129	10	.....	16	15	.....
1893–'94	69	33	102	9	17	12	10	.....
2894–'95	69	48	117	6	20	12	10	.....
1895–'96	86	49	135	10	21	14	11	.....
1896–'97	77	33	110	3	15	14	6	.....
1897–'98	54	31	85	7	8	13	3	.....
1898–'99	56	41	97	12	28	13	5	.....
1899–'00	80	49	129	5	44	15	4	28
1900–'01	94	54	148	7	35	13	9	22
1901–'02	62	60	122	8	40	10	9	25
1902–'03	81	51	132	5	48	11	17	23
Total	938	585	1,523	85	297	163	129	98
Averages	72	45	117	7	23	12	10	24

Averages have increased very little since the last report; but steady growth is all that can be expected, and this, if maintained, may be best for the institution. Strength is attained by persistent, intelligent cultivation of the constituency of the church to a loyal appreciation of the value of a denominational college. This work may be done most successfully by ministers in their fields.

Cash receipts from all sources, and disbursements for all purposes, by years, from June 7, '94, to June 4, '03:

Year.	*Receipts.*	*Disbursements.*
1894-'95	$9,121.69	$9,035.26
1895-'96	10,702.50	10,831.04
1896-'97	7,437.15	7,350.68
1897-'98	7,940.25	8,129.29
1898-'99	3,670.61	3,335.50
1899-'00	6,931.13	6,931.13
1900-'01	4,458.14	5,528.38
1901-'02	36,723.70	34,459.90
1902-'03	8,017.00	6,473.03
Totals	$95,002.17	$92,074.21
Average	10,555.68	10,230.46

Financial history of the dormitory for six years from June, 1897, to June, 1903:

Year.	*No.*	*Receipts.*	*Expenses.*	*Loss.*	*Gain.*
1897-'98	11	$1,135.29	$1,169.80	$34.51	.....
1898-'99	14	1,434.33	1,375.03	.....	$59.30
1899-'00	19	1,901.00	1,782.74	.....	118.26
1900-'01	31	2,859.29	2,683.79	.....	175.50
1901-'02	34	2,942.95	2,938.23	.....	4.72
1902-'03	28	2,514.88	2,583.21	68.33	.....
Total	137	$12,787.74	$12,532.80	$102.84	$357.78
Average	23	2,131.29	2,088.8	17.14	59.63

The increase in price of provisions has made the conduct of the dormitory without loss very difficult; but, taken all together, this has been done in spite of the low charges for board.

Last June the Board of Trustees authorized the erection of a new dormitory, and the matter has been under favorable consideration with some progress towards its accomplishment.

The plan embraces a new building for young ladies and the use of the old building for young men, with capacity in the new dining-room for both.

INSURANCE.

The following insurance paid for five years is carried on the college property:

On Main Building	$19,000.00
On Furniture	1,000.00
On Dormitory	3,000.00
On Furniture in Dormitory	1,000.00
Total	$24,000.00

ENDOWMENT.

Western Union Telegraph stock, 295 shares, par value	$29,500.00
Loan on real estate security, Durham, N. C	500.00
Total invested endowment	$30,000.00

The Western Union stock pays 5 per cent and its dividends in quarterly installments.

The remainder of the $10,000.00 from the estate of the late Francis A. Palmer, of New York City, was received February 4th, 1904, through Charles J. Day, executor. Mr. Palmer left in his will a bequest of $30,000.00 to Elon College, but he paid $20,000.00 of this sum on February 4, 1902, leaving $10,000.00 unpaid at the time of his death, November 2, 1902. Part of this sum of $10,000.00 was used in paying off the debts of the college, and the remainder has been invested in forty-five shares of Western Union Telegraph stock at $89.00 per share. The cost, including commissions, was $4,016.26, and this is added to the permanent Endowment Fund. The final payment of debts was $7,206.22, including $6,500.00 on bonds with $260.00 accrued interest; and a note for $250.00, held by W. Z. Atkinson, bearing 8 per cent interest from June 26, 1894, to April 18, 1904, making the amount $446.22.

It is matter for tranksgiving to God that the college is, for the first time in its history, out of debt, with buildings completed, and the sum of $30,000.00 to the credit of the Endowment Fund, the income from which is $1,505.00 a year.

We reaffirm our confidence in the wisdom of the Convention in the perpetuation of the call upon the Conferences for a fixed sum from each per year for the college. It has not been paid in full by all the Conferences, but it has by some of them, and $1,162.75 was paid in 1903, and we suggest that Conference officials and pastors cultivate this collection until the full sum of $1,800.00 is paid every year. The needs of the institution are so great and this method of help is so easy, that we believe it should be cultivated till all the Conferences pay in full this call.

We repeat the following apportionments so that the people may keep in mind the figures, which will help in taking the collections:

Eastern Virginia Conference	$700.00
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	350.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	350.00
Western North Carolina Conference	300.00
Georgia and Alabama Conference	75.00
Valley of Virginia Conference	25.00
Total	$1,800.00

Your committee offers the following for your approval by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Hon. Francis A. Palmer, a banker of New York City, and a personal friend of Elon College, has given to this institution the sum of $30,000.00 in cash; and,

WHEREAS, he departed this life November 2, 1902, in his eighty-ninth year; and,

WHEREAS, his generous gift is to be a perpetual benefit to the college; now, therefore, the Southern Christian Convention, as an expression of grateful appreciation of his gift to Elon College, and in token of esteem for him as a Christian benefactor, do, by standing upon our feet, authorize our Secretary to record these resolutions upon the books of the Convention, and promise to maintain the interests of the institution so as to make efficient his noble purpose in this gift to the college.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. STALEY,
E. E. HOLLAND,
W. S. LONG.

Suffolk, Va., April 16, 1904.

The address prepared by Dr. D. A. Long on the subject, "The Relation of Christianity to Education," was ordered to be published in The Christian Sun.

The following motion was adopted:

1. That the Southern Christian Convention commit itself to the erection of a dormitory at Elon College and direct the Trustees to proceed in their judgment to the erection of the same.

2. That a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to recommend to the Trustees some feasible plan by which the Trustees may raise the funds for building the same, but the recommendation of the committee shall be advisory, not obligatory upon the said Trustees in the event they should decide upon a different plan. Committee: W. S. Long, E. E. Holland, W. T. Herndon, J. E. West, W. J. Lee.

The report of the Committee on Schools and Colleges was adopted by a rising vote.

The following resolution by Dr. W. S. Long was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Elon College be requested to provide for the training of our young men who are expecting to enter the ministry in the fundamental principles of the Christian church, the essential and commonly accepted doctrines of Christianity, church history, etc.

On motion, a Committee to Nominate Trustees for Elon College was appointed, viz.: J. O. Atkinson, A. Savage, M. W. Butler.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

Convention met. Religious services conducted by Rev. C. C. Peel.

The following were enrolled as delegates to complete the representation from Eastern Virginia Conference: Revs. R. H. Holland, B. F. Black, R. H. Peel; laymen, T. R. Gaskins, L. R. Jones.

Bro. K. B. Johnson, from the Eastern North Carolina Conference, was enrolled as a member.

The report of Committee on Offering for Entertainment American Christian Convention, Norfolk, Va., was adopted, as follows:

As chairman of the committee appointed by the Southern Christian Convention to raise the minimum sum of $600 to aid the Norfolk Memorial Temple in the entertainment of the A. C. C., I wish to make the following report from the reports in my hands, made by those who had charge of the collections in the Conferences, namely: Prof. E. L. Moffitt, W. N. C. Conference; Rev. J. L. Foster, E. N. C. Conference; Rev. W. C. Wicker, E. Va. Conference; Rev. J. W. Holt, N. C. and Va. Conferences; Rev. L. L. Lassiter, Valley Virginia Conference; and from the report of Bro. S. A. Etheredge, Tr. Norfolk Memorial Temple. I herewith give the amount raised by Conferences: W. N. C. Conference, amount raised $32.37; E. N. C. Conference, $50; E. Va. Conference, $292.35; N. C. and Va. Conference, $44.76; Valley Va. Conference, $13; Southern Christian Convention, as per order, $200. Total amount raised, $632.48; expense account, printing and postage, $341. Total amount paid to S. A. Etheredge, Treasurer Norfolk Memorial Temple, to aid in the entertainment of the A. C. C., $629.07.

I desire to thank those who had charge of this matter in the several Conferences for their aid and hearty co-operation, and all the churches and individuals that responded to the call.

P. H. Fleming,
Chairman Committee.

The report of the Committee on Publications was presented by Prof. E. L. Moffitt, by whom it was discussed.

Address on "Our Church Literature—What we Have," prepared by Rev. D. A. Long, D.D., was read by Rev. W. S. Long, D.D.

After considerable discussion, the report was, on motion, referred.

On motion, the pastor, N. G. Newman, and deacons were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises. The committee reported Rev. P. S. Sailer to preach to-morrow at 12 o'clock m.

On motion, the selection of a place for the holding of the next regular session of the Southern Christian Convention was referred to the Executive Committee.

Rev. P. H. Fleming was added to the Committee on Publications.

Adjourned with Doxology and benediction by the President.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Driver's, Va., Thursday, April 28, 1904.

Convention met. Religious services conducted by Rev. R. H. Holland.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Rev. H. E. Rountree was invited to a seat as deliberative member.

It was moved that the proceedings of this Convention be published in The Christian Sun, and also in the Christian Annual. Adopted.

The Committee on Orphanage submitted its report:

RESOLUTIONS.

Your committee appointed at your last session to locate and establish an Orphanage would report: Several communities in North Carolina

and Virginia invited us to visit them with the view of giving a location, but when we visited them no one in our judgment met the conditions and requirements of such an institution. With a large fund at our command we could have taken anyone of several localities tendered us and opened a very creditable orphanage; but with the small sum of $..... in hand, and the still smaller sum offered at the most favorable point, we did not consider it wise to begin the work. Nor did we consider the demand, at this time, for such an institution to be so great or so urgent that we should incur a debt in its erection.

We recommend:

1. That Rev. J. L. Foster be re-appointed Secretary Orphanage Fund with same salary heretofore given.

2. That we re-adopt articles 2 and 3 in the last report of this committee to this body, viz.:

"2. That we consider a farm of one hundred or more acres of land with good water and sufficient firewood, situated near a city or town as the most desirable location for such an institution.

"3. That a committee of three be elected to take charge of this matter in all details, to secure a site by donation or purchase, to employ one or more to manage the institution, to secure a charter, to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the government of the same, and to do and to perform all things necessary to put the contemplated institution into practical operation. When the action of this committee shall have been endorsed by the Executive Committee of this body it shall be valid and in full force."

W. S. Long.
W. J. Lee.
J. L. Foster.

An address on the Orphanage was delivered by Rev. J. L. Foster.

The report was discussed by the chairman of the committee, Dr. W. S. Long, and others.

On motion, Rev. Davie Fotheringham, of Toronto, Canada, was invited to a seat with the body.

The time for preaching having arrived, Rev. P. S. Sailer delivered the sermon of the hour.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

Convention met. Religious services conducted by Rev. W. G. Clements.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was called for and re-read by the chairman.

It was moved to consider by items. The report was then discussed by the chairman, Rev. J. W. Holt. An address on "Home Mission Work in the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference" was delivered by J. E. West. After a prolonged and earnest discussion, the following recommendations were adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

During the past biennium Home Mission work has been carried on under the auspices of the local conferences and the Christian Missionary Association with greater success than ever before. In this connection we especially call favorable attention to the following points: Greensboro and Sanford, N. C., Columbus, Ga., Newport News (North End and East End), Portsmouth and Lambert's Point, Va., and Valley of Virginia.

1. We urge continued efforts in the various conferences in extending the Home Mission work.

2. We recommend missionary societies in local churches, children's day and special sermons on missions.

3. We recommend that our strongest men be engaged as missionaries as far as practicable.

4. We recommend the continuation of the Home Mission department in the Christian Sun, and heartily endorse the Christian Missionary published at Dayton, Ohio.

J. W. Holt,
J. E. West,
J. L. Foster,
Committee.

A collection to help Mrs. H. W. Elder on paying for church lot, Columbus, Ga., was taken, which amounted to $60.00.

On motion, Rev. J. P. Barrett, D.D., was invited to a seat as a deliberative member.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. M. W. Butler, and adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, our late brother Alfred Moring, who died at Raleigh, May 10, 1903, ripe in years and good works, was the faithful and efficient Treasurer of this Convention for a period of about 47 years; and

Whereas, he was a loyal supporter and advocate of every enterprise of the church; and

Whereas, we desire to perpetuate his memory in our records by some formal act and to give some expression of our appreciation of his life and labors; therefore be it

Resolved, that we hereby record our grateful appreciation of his useful life and that we strive to emulate the beautiful life which he lived.

Adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—Morning Session.

Driver's, Va., Friday, April 29, 1904.

Convention met. Religious services conducted by Rev. P. H. Fleming.

Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. W. S. Long, D.D., offered the following resolution:

Moved that no speaker be allowed more than one speech of ten minutes on any subject except the chairman of a standing committee who may have ten minutes additional time in rejoinder.

The Committee on Publications re-submitted its report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee has had nothing new affecting our publication interests presented to us during the past two years except the resignation of Prof. W. P. Lawrence as publishing agent of this convention. At his request we recommend that his resignation be accepted by the Executive Committee and that Rev. J. O. Atkinson be elected to fill the unexpired term, which action was taken by the committee, as appears in their report to this body.

We are glad to report that our publication interests are in very satisfactory condition in every respect, except in the financial support that

they are receiving. We need to feel more deeply the obligation of standing by our publications in a practical way.

1. Among our publication enterprises that which appeals to us most strongly is the Christian Sun, official organ of this convention; and to this paper we are glad to be able to accord our heartiest and most cordial endorsement, under the very able and efficient editorial management of Rev. J. O. Atkinson, our present editor. Its strength and excellence in every feature make it a worthy exponent of the Christian church and its principles, and give it place in the front rank of the religious papers in all sections where it circulates. We urge our people to a more liberal and practical support of this enterprise.

2. We recommend that the Southern Christian Convention purchase the Christian Sun, including the subscription lists and good will, and mailing galleys from Rev. J. O. Atkinson at the price of $2,300, and upon the following terms: $600 to be paid in cash and the remaining $1,700 to be paid by the convention in ten annual installments of $170 each, said note or notes to bear interest at 6 per cent, payable annually; the Convention to have the privilege of liquidating the entire debt at any time during the ten-year period, if they desire to do so.

3. We recommend that Rev. J. O. Atkinson be elected editor of the Christian Sun and Publishing Agent of the Southern Christian Convention for a period of two years; and that the Christian Sun be leased to said J. O. Atkinson for the same period—two years—at a price equivalent to 6 per cent interest on the purchase price—or $138 per year, payable annually; and that he operate the business of both in his own name and upon his own responsibility.

4. We recommend that the President and Secretary of this Convention be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to effect the above purchase and to execute said note or notes and the lease as above provided, in manner as required by law.

5. We further recommend the endorsement of the Herald of Gospel Liberty, the official organ of the American Christian Convention; and the Christian Missionary, the official organ of the Mission Board of the American Christian Convention.

6. We recommend the continuation of the Book Depository under the management of Prof. Atkinson. It is answering a long-felt need in the church, and we hope for its increased usefulness as the years go by.

7. As to the word edition of the Christian Hymnary, which is to be published by Prof. W. P. Lawrence, we are not able to report much progress. Prof. Lawrence reports to us that he has about 275 pages already electrotyped, but that there are still about 225 pages to be set up and electrotyped, the cost of which he does not now feel able to meet. According to the contract of this Convention with Prof. Law-

rence the expense of electrotyping is to be paid by this Convention, the plates to become the exclusive property of the Convention after 3,000 copies shall have been sold by Prof. Lawrence.

8. We recommend the endorsement of our own Sunday school literature, published at Dayton, Ohio.

But we would recommend that this Convention memorialize the Christian Publishing Association asking for the publication of a Juvenile Quarterly for use in our Sunday schools by children further advanced than the Little Teacher Class, and not sufficiently advanced for the Intermediate Quarterly.

E. L. Moffitt,
N. G. Newman,
P. H. Fleming,
Committee.

The report of the Special Committee Respecting the College Dormitory offered the following:

Your committee to whom was referred the recommendation of plans necessary to raise the funds required for the college dormitory begs to report that in the judgment of the committee it is best to leave the Trustees free to adopt such plans for this purpose as they may deem best, but with the assurance of this Convention that it will most cheerfully endorse such plans as may be adopted and will use its best efforts to secure the successful execution thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Long.
E. E. Holland.
W. T. Herndon.
W. J. Lee.
J. E. West.

Adopted.

Judge J. F. West was enrolled as a delegate from the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference.

The report of the Committee on Orphanage was taken up and adopted.

The Committee on Orphanage elected as follows: Rev. W. S. Long, D.D., Rev. J. L. Foster, W. J. Lee.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows through its chairman, Rev. J. P. Barrett, D.D.:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Southern Christian Convention:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, offer our biennial report.

The twentieth century promises to be pre-eminently the missionary age of Christian era. While the missionary zeal of the church to-day is low when compared with scriptural ideals, yet among the few missionary zeal is rising, favorable sentiment is being created and the work of spreading the gospel, as the foremost enterprise of the church of Christ, is receiving a powerful impetus. Another generation will see a great change. Let us hope that instead of a few churches enthusiastic for missions, as now, it may then be only a very few that will not be thoroughly awakened and fully enlisted in this great work.

Three points chiefly concern us as a convention.

1. Our Work in Japan.

The work in Japan falls naturally into three parts:

(a) The Southern Field.—The headquarters are in Tokio. There are two organized churches and six out stations. Each church has a Sunday school. At Kasumi Cho we have a substantial mission home, used as a residence, and also for a school and other purposes. In this field we have two missionaries, Rev. A. D. Woodworth and Miss C. Tena Penrod, and associated with them are five native workers. We also have one training school here under the care of Brother Woodworth.

(b) Our Northern Field.—The headquarters are in Sendai, with two stations and five organized churches, eight out stations and eight Sunday schools. In Sendai we have a church house and a parsonage. The parsonage was the gift to the missions of Rev. D. F. Jones, who went from our own southland, and was the first foreign missionary the Christian church ever sent out. We also have at Sendai a mission home. There are three missionaries, viz.: Rev. and Mrs. E. K. McCord and Miss Alice True, and associated with them are five native helpers.

(c) Our Middle Field.—This is located, as its name implies, between the Southern and Northern fields, with headquarters at Utsunomiya, a city of forty thousand population, itself the capital of a province of six hundred thousand inhabitants. And ours are the only resident missionaries laboring among all those people.

For these three fields we need annually at least $7,000, besides special needs for the support of schools, for sending new missionaries, for new buildings in various parts of the fields, the sum of $10,000. As a Convention we are expected to do our part in contributing to these funds.

2. Our Work in Porto Rico.

The Porto Rican Mission is now in its fourth year and has four missionaries engaged, viz.: Rev. D. P. and Mrs. Eva Olyn Barrett, Rev.

Thomas E. White and Miss Jennie Mishler, with one native preacher, Brother Rafeal Hernandez. The first three of these missionaries are from the territory of this Convention.

The work of this mission is doing very well. We have four organized churches, with several Sunday schools and about fifteen out stations. As might be expected with such an encouraging development of the work there is a great need of more missionaries on the field.

It requires $3,500 annually to support the mission as it is now worked. Besides there are special needs for sending new missionaries, for a house of worship in the city of Ponce and for several chapels in the smaller towns, for which $10,000 would be a moderate allowance. The call for a house of worship is especially urgent in Ponce.

Our interest in both the Japan and Porto Rican fields places upon us a great responsibility, and we appeal to the Convention, and through the Convention to the churches to increase their gifts to the cause of foreign missions to the full extent of their ability.

c. Calls to Enter New Fields.

There are new fields among the teeming millions of Africa, India, China, South America and the many islands of the sea, and the calls for service are urgent. Open doors are before us, only we have not the men and women and the money to enter and occupy.

Perhaps the most neglected field, and therefore the most destitute, is South America. The condition of the people there intellectually, morally and religiously is dreadful indeed, considering the fact that they are not only heathen, but geographically they are our twin-brothers, living in the depths of poverty, ignorance and sin, and our responsibility for their evangelization is weighty indeed.

Our work in Porto Rico seems to pave the way for our entering South America as our next new field, if it may please God so to lead us. The two people speak one language, and hence the one might serve as a preparatory school for the other. We bespeak the prayers of our noble brotherhood for the giving of the gospel to South America. Being very near us work can be done there at far less expense than in either Japan, Africa, India or China.

We also plead for the prayers of our whole brotherhood for the continued blessings of God on our work in both Japan and Porto Rico, and for the hastening of the day when we may enlarge our missionary activities among the destitute nations of the earth.

With grateful acknowledgement of your kind consideration we are yours for Christ and His work.

J. Pressley Barrett.
L. M. Clymer.
W. G. Clements.

Discussed by the chairman. Address on "The Reflex Influence of Foreign Missions on Home Church," by Rev. P. S. Sailer. The report was adopted.

A letter of greeting from Dr. J. G. Bishop, Mission Secretary of the American Christian Convention, was read by Dr. J. P. Barrett.

A collection for Foreign Missions to pay expenses of Mrs. Bailey to Porto Rico amounted to $111.50 in pledges, of which $29.00 was paid in cash.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met. Religious services by Rev. R. H. Peel.

The President announced the standing committees, as follows:

COMMITTEES:

Executive.—W. W. Staley, P. J. Kernodle, J. W. Wellons.

Publications.—E. L. Moffitt, C. C. Peel, L. I. Cox, P. H. Fleming, I. W. Pritchard.

Schools and Colleges.—W. W. Staley, W. S. Long, E. E. Holland, W. G. Clements, J. O. Atkinson, J. F. West.

Home Missions.—J. W. Holt, J. E. West, H. W. Elder, W. P. Lawrence, H. V. Simpson.

Foreign Missions.—N. G. Newman, J. W. Harrell, H. H. Butler, I. W. Johnson, R. H. Peel.

Y. P. S. C. E.—C. H. Rowland, K. B. Johnson, R. S. Petty, J. W. Patton, B. F. Black.

On motion, the address of J. E. West on missions and the address of Dr. D. A. Long were ordered to be pupblished in the Christian Sun.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees for Elon College reported as follows:

E. T. Pierce, W. J. Lee, Rev. W. G. Clements, Rev. W. T. Hernden, E. E. Holland, Sam Lincoln, W. P. Lawrence, N. G. Newman, A. T. Holland, C. C. Peel.

(Signed) J. O. ATKINSON.
A. SAVAGE.
M. W. BUTLER.

Adopted.

The President, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, of the Christian Missionary Association, submitted the following, which was adopted:

REPORT OF WORK OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Christian Missionary Association met December 9-10, 1902, at the Holy Neck Christian church and at Franklin, Va., December 8-10, 1903. The attendance at both sessions was good and the exercises interesting, suggestive and profitable. The collection for the two years in cash was $2,288.25. If to this is added the amount collected by our missionaries in the field and by the association ($4,240.43), we have a total for the two years of $6,668.63. All this amount has been appropriated to the churches in providing for present missionary work in Newport News, Va., and the Valley of Va., aiding to the extent of $200 at Columbus, Ga. During the same period the three missionaries employed by the association had in the field 112 conversions and 134 accessions.

There are now maintained under the auspices of the association three missionaries: one in the Valley of Virginia, at a cost of $250 this year to this association; two in Newport News, Va. Rev. C. C. Jones is laboring in the Valley with good results, to maintain, build up and develop the points already established there. Rev. B. F. Black for all his time at the North End Newport church at a salary of $720 per year. He has a good house of worship and the work there seems to be in a prosperous condition. Rev. N. G. Newman is pastor at East End Christian church and is laboring to good effect. He has a good, neat house of worship and a substantial membership. He labors at a cost of $250 a year to the association, but does not give all his time to this point, having one other church at which he preaches twice per month. All three of the brethren named are doing splendid work for the cause they represent and their work is destined to tell powerfully in the future history of our church. The association deemed it proper at its last session to appropriate $200 to the Columbus, Ga., church, a most worthy and deserving point. We wish that more of our brethren could be induced to take part in the work that the association is undertaking to do. The association has proven its ability to live and is having gradual growth. J. O. Atkinson, *President.*

The Committee on Y. P. S. C. E. submitted its report, which was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor report as follows:

No definite work has been done by this committee since our last session. It is difficult to maintain this work in rural districts and as we

have only a few city pastorates the field for this department of work in our church is very small. There are only about six societies in the Convention. As a committee was appointed at our last session to draw up by-laws, pledges, rules and regulations for the purpose of organizing our young people for all church activities, which seemed to anticipate the retirement of this department, we have no recommendations to make.

M. W. Butler, *Chairman.*

Rev. W. S. Long, D.D., offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that the hearty thanks of this Convention be tendered to the members and friends of Berea Christian church for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members and friends of this Convention.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. We have examined the report of the retiring President, Rev. P. H. Fleming, found same correct and recommend its adoption.

2. We have also examined the report of Rev. J. L. Foster, Orphanage Secretary, found same correct and recommend its adoption.

3. Upon further examination we find that D. J. Mood is due $66.96 on account of educational fund collected in 1896, and we recommend that the President of this Convention collect, or close by note with interest, if any, this account and turn same over to the Treasurer of this Convention.

We recommend that Treasurer Mills make special effort to collect the note of $69.46 of D. J. Mood for Orphanage Fund.

4. We have examined the report of J. A. Mills, Treasurer, and having no vouchers or other evidence by which we can check said report we refer same to the Executive Committee for its action. We further recommend that the bond of the Treasurer of this Convention be increased to $8,000, this Convention paying for said bond, and that the Treasurer receive no compensation for any funds belonging to this Convention passing through his hands.

5. We have examined the report of Publishing Agent and find same correct.

6. We recommend the Treasurer pay Rev. J. L. Foster, Secretary of the Orphanage Fund, $91.25, due from 20th Century Fund.

I. A. Luke.
I. W. Pritchard,
Alex. Savage.

The account of J. O. Atkinson, Publishing Agent, 500 programs, $3.00, was ordered to be paid.

Rev. J. L. Foster offered the following resolution, which was amended and adopted:

Whereas, the Convention is greatly in need of means to carry on her work, and whereas, this need will be greater in the future than in the past; therefore

Resolved, that this Convention ask each church to send up to the annual conference two cents per member for Convention Fund, and that the Treasurers of said conferences send same to the Treasurer of the Southern Convention. J. L. FOSTER.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. J. W. Harrell, and adopted:

Resolved, that the Convention make an annual call for Home Missions, amounting to $2,250, and said amount be apportioned among the various conferences as follows:

Eastern Virginia	$750
Eastern North Carolina	450
North Carolina and Virginia	450
Western North Carolina	450
Georgia and Alabama	50
Alabama	50
Valley of Virginia	50

That the funds under this call shall be collected and disbursed by a board of five which shall be known as the Mission Board of the Southern Christian Convention, and said board shall be elected biennially by this Convention and shall organize by electing a chairman, secretary and treasurer, and said board shall report biennially to this body.

J W. HARRELL.

On motion, this resolution was referred to the Home Mission Committee as the board to execute the same.

The Sunday school work in the Southern Christian Convention. Addresses:

"The Mission of Our Sunday School Convention," by Rev. I. W. Johnson.

"Our Sunday School Statistics," by Rev. J. L. Foster.

"Progress of Our Sunday School Work," by Rev. M. W. Butler.

"How Can the Work of the Sunday School Convention be Made More Efficient?" by Rev. C. C. Peel.

On motion, Department of Sunday School was created, and Rev. M. W. Butler was elected Secretary of the department.

On motion, the President, W. W. Staley, D.D., was made chairman of the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Tuesday before the first Sunday in May, 1906, at such place as the Executive Committee may designate.

W. W. Staley, *President,*
Suffolk, Va.

J. O. Atkinson, *Vice-Pres.,*
Elon College, N. C.

P. J. Kernodle, *Secretary,*
Elon College, N. C.

J. W. Patton, *Assistant Secretary,*
Elon College, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Southern Christian Convention,

Held May 1-4, 1906, at Burlington Christian Church.

BURLINGTON, N. C., Tuesday, May 1, 1906.

The Southern Christian Convention met in its sixteenth regular session with the Christian Church at Burlington, N. C., May 1, 1906, and was called to order by the President, Rev. W. W. Staley, D.D.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Wellons. Hymn: "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Scripture lesson: 1 John, 4th chapter, and prayer. Hymn: "Come, Holy Ghost, in love."

The Convention was welcomed by Hon. W. H. Carroll, of Burlington Christian Church, with an appropriate address, and on behalf of the Convention Judge J. F. West, of Waverly, Va., responded in terms highly gratifying, with historical allusions (both college mates).

The roll of Conferences was called, and the following delegates enrolled:

VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE.—*Ministers:* W. T. Walters, M. L. Bryant. *Laymen:* J. C. Bradford, S. W. Lincoln.

EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.—*Ministers:* W. W. Staley, D.D., I. W. Johnson, N. G. Newman, H. E. Rountree, C. H. Rowland, J. W. Harrell, P. S. Sailer, R. H. Peel. *Laymen:* Judge J. F. West, B. D. Jones, J. E. West.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—*Ministers:* E. M. Carter.

GEORGIA AND ALABAMA CONFERENCE.—*Ministers:* H. W. Elder.

EASTERN N. C. CONFERENCE.—*Ministers:* J. L. Foster, W. C. Wicker, W. G. Clements, J. D. Wicker, M. W. Butler. *Laymen:* I. W. Pritchard, Geo. T. Whitaker.

WESTERN N. C. CONFERENCE.—*Ministers:* P. H. Fleming, J. W. Patton, L. I. Cox. *Laymen:* W. H. Carroll, J. A. Turrentine.

N. C. and Va. Conference.—*Ministers:* J. W. Holt, W. T. Herndon, J. W. Wellons, C. C. Peel, J. O. Atkinson, D.D. *Laymen:* W. A. Harper, J. J. Lincoln, R. S. Petty.

On motion, the program prepared and submitted by the Executive Committee was adopted as the order of business.

On motion, a Press Committee was appointed, to-wit: Dr. J. O. Atkinson, Prof. W. A. Harper and Prof. J. J. Lincoln.

The Convention was duly organized with the following officers:

Rev. W. W. Staley, D.D. ..... President.
Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D.D. ..... Vice-President.
P. J. Kernodle ..... Secretary.
Rev. I. W. Johnson ..... Assistant Secretary.
J. A. Mills ..... Treasurer.

The President, Rev. W. W. Staley, D.D., proceeded to deliver his address.

On motion, the recommendations of the President's address were referred to the various committees on those subjects mentioned.

Adjourned. Doxology, and benediction by Rev. J. T. Kitchen.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Burlington, N. C., Wednesday, May 2, 1906.

The Convention met at 9:30 a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. G. Clements.

Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Bros. L. M. Clymer and D. S. Farmer, delegates from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, were enrolled.

On motion, Rev. J. F. Burnett, D.D., Secretary of the American Christian Convention; Rev. W. S. Long, D.D., Rev. C. E. Newman, Rev. M. L. Hurley, Rev. J. T. Kitchen, Rev. L. L. Lassiter, Rev. L. F. Johnson, Rev. J. O. Cox, Rev. R. L. Williamson, Rev. D. A. Long, D.D., Rev. W. D. Harwood, were invited to seats in the body as deliberative members.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and, on motion, adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

As ordered by the Convention in May, 1904, we examined, on December 13, 1904, report and vouchers of J. A. Mills, Treasurer, and found both correct, except a balance of $21.58 in favor of the Convention and which has not been located; but Treasurer Mills promises to make it good, if the error is not found.

We considered the increase of the Treasurer's Bond from $5,000 to $8,000 as requested by the Convention; but as amount in Treasurer's hands had decreased and would continue to decrease we deemed it unwise to add the expense of a larger bond.

We approved action of the Orphanage Board in the purchase of lands, the erection of buildings and such expenditures as the Orphanage Committee has made in the work which they will report in detail at this session of the Convention.

We had three applications to entertain the Convention: Sanford, Greensboro and Burlington, N. C., and, after careful consideration of all the facts, decided to accept invitation of Burlington church; and this seemed to meet general approval.

A request from the Ministers' Conference of Eastern Virginia to change the time of meeting from May 1st to May 31st, was carefully considered and no change made.

We have prepared a program at your request and it is offered for your adoption as the program of this session of the Convention.

W. W. Staley, *Chairman.*
P. J. Kernodle.
May 1, 1906. J. W. Wellons.

The Treasurer, John A. Mills, submitted his report, which was read and, on motion, was referred to Committee on Finance.

Judge J. F. West, Hon. W. H. Carroll and S. W. Lincoln were appointed a Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF JOHN A. MILLS, TREASURER.

JOHN A. MILLS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

1904.		FOREIGN MISSION FUND.		
Apr.	22.	By balance on hand		$1,366.31
Oct.	15.	By C. D. Maphis		25.12
	18.	To check to M. A. Kerr, order No. 33	$111.50	
		By check W. W. Staley		111.50
Nov.	11.	By Hurbert Scholtz, E. Va. C. C		500.00
	14.	By J. M. Welch, Ala. C. C		34.78
Dec.	5.	By J. A. Turrentine		125.60
	6.	By T. W. Stroud		180.00
	7.	By J. E. Ballentine		84.68
1905.				
Jan.	6.	By J. H. Floyd, Ala. C. C		18.00
	20.	To J. F. Burnett, order No. 35	1,500.00	
Oct.	27.	By M. Strickler, Va. V. C. C		27.00
Nov.	10.	By W. D. Howard, E. Va. C. C		500.00
Dec.	11.	By T. W. Stroud		195.00
	11.	By J. M. Welch, Ala. C. C		42.60
	12.	By J. A. Turrentine, W. N. C. C		158.75
1906.				
Jan.	11.	By J. H. Floyd, Ga. and Ala. C. C		32.24
	13.	By W. J. Ballentine, E. N. C. C		77.00
	29.	To J. F. Burnett, order No. 75	1,500.00	
May	1.	To balance	367.08	
			$3,478.58	$3,478.58
1904.		ORPHANAGE FUND.		
Apr.	22.	By balance on hand		$4,500.00
July	1.	By Rev. J. L. Foster		12.75
		By Rev. J. L. Foster		205.75
		By interest bank		81.50
1905.				
Jan.	1.	By interest J. L. Foster		12.75
		By interest bank		87.50
		By check Rev. J. L. Foster		99.75
	21.	To check W. S. Long, order No. 39	$80.00	
		To check J. J. Lambeth, order No. 38	500.00	
Feb.	14.	To check Mrs. J. Albright, order No. 40	1,275.00	
	18.	To check W. S. Long, order No. 41	160.25	

Mar.	27.	To check W. A. Trollinger, order No. 42	244.80	
Apr.	6.	To check W. S. Long, order No. 43....	95.00	
July	1.	By interest, 6 mo. on 2,220.95.....		44.41
		By interest J. L. Foster.....		12.75
Aug.	31.	To cash, order No. 45.....	100.00	
		To cash, order No. 46.....	300.00	
Sep.	2.	To cash, order No. 47.....	125.00	
		To cash, order No. 48.....	50.00	
	19.	To cash, order No. 50.....	200.00	
		To cash, order No. 49.....	300.00	
		To cash, order No. 51.....	125.52	
	26.	To cash, order No. 53.....	200.00	
Oct.	3.	To cash, order No. 54.....	200.00	
	10.	To cash, order No. 55.....	97.82	
		To cash, order No. 56.....	149.04	
		To cash, order No. 57.....	300.00	
	15.	To cash, order No. 58.....	256.02	
	18.	By Rev. J. L. Foster.....		1,200.00
		To cash, order No. 59.....	200.00	
	23.	To cash, order No. 60.....	166.60	
	24.	To cash, order No. 61.....	300.00	
Nov.	8.	To cash, order No. 62.....	150.00	
	9.	To cash, order No. 63.....	223.92	
	13.	To cash, order No. 64.....	250.00	
	20.	By check Rev. J. L. Foster.....		300.00
	20.	To check, order No. 65.....	611.25	
		20. To check, order No. 66.....	50.00	
	29.	To check, order No. 67.....	100.00	
Dec.	1.	To check, order No. 68.....	100.00	
	1.	To check, order No. 69.....	30.88	
	4.	To check, order No. 70.....	41.25	
	9.	To check, order No. 71.....	100.00	
1906.				
Jan.	3.	By check Rev. J. L. Foster.....		500.00
		To check, order No. 72.....	150.00	
	10.	To check, order No. 73.....	24.00	
	11.	To check, order No. 74.....	150.00	
	19.	By Rev. J. L. Foster.....		500.00
	29.	To check, order No. 76.....	300.00	
Feb.	28.	To check, order No. 79.....	24.35	
		By check Rev. J. L. Foster.....		250.00
May	1.	To cash paid, order No. 77.....	500.00	
		To cash paid, order No. 78.....	11.00	
		By balance.....		434.54
			$8,241.70	$8,241.70

ELON COLLEGE FUND.

1904.				
Apr.	22.	By balance on hand		$204.23
		To cash, S. A. Holleman, order No. 28	$162.75	
Nov.	11.	By Hurbert Scholtz		700.00
Dec.	5.	By J. A. Turrentine		99.00
	6.	By T. W. Strowd		260.00
	7.	By J. E. Ballentine		270.74
	10.	To S. A. Holleman, order No. 34	1,350.00	
1905.				
Nov.	10.	By check W. D. Howard, E. Va. C. C.		650.00
Dec.	11.	By check T. W. Strowd		285.00
	12.	By check J. A. Turrentine, W. N. C. C.		165.15
	13.	By check W. J. Ballentine, E. N. C. C.		253.00
1906.				
Apr.	17.	To check, order No. 80	1,350.00	
May	1.	To balance	24.37	
			$2,887.12	$2,887.12

CONVENTION MISSION FUND.

1905.				
Nov.	10.	By check W. D. Howard, E. Va. C. C.		$575.00
Dec.	11.	By check T. W. Strowd		120.00
1906.				
Jan.	11.	By check W. J. Ballentine, E. N. C. C. C.		95.00
	13.	By J. H. Floyd, Ga. and Ala. C. C.		22.76
May	1.	To balance	$812.76	
			$812.76	$812.76

CONVENTION FUND.

1904.				
Apr.	22.	By balance on hand		$32.24
	25.	By check J. O. Atkinson		13.74
May	8.	By check D. J. Mood, Rev. W. W. Staley.		21.56
		By check E. J. Driver, Rev. W. W. Staley		60.00
	17.	By check T. J. Lawrence		298.37
	19.	To cash, order for No. 30, J. O. A.	$3.00	
	27.	To cash for order No. 31 J. O. A.	25.00	
June	1.	To cash, for order No. 29, Mrs. H. W. Elder	60.00	
	20.	By T. J. Lawrence		50.63
	30.	To check to pay order No. 31	600.00	
July	8.	By amount from Publication Fund		255.69
Dec.	7.	By J. E. Ballentine		21.27

1905.			
Jan. 23.	To Raleigh Ins. & Realty Co., order No. 37	25.00	
1906.			
July 28.	By E. Va. Conf.		53.37
1905.			
	By J. O. Atkinson		138.00
Aug. 1.	To J. O. Atkinson, order No. 44	272.00	
Nov. 10.	By W. D. Howard, E. Va. C. C.		56.00
Dec. 13.	By W. J. Ballentine, E. N. C. C. C.		18.00
1906.			
May 1.	To balance	33.87	
		$1,018.87	$1,018.87

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. MILLS, *Treasurer.*

Rev. P. S. Sailer was added to the Committee on Y. P. S. C. E.

The report of the Committee on Christian Endeavor was read by the chairman, Rev. C. H. Rowland.

An address—"What It Is, What It Has Done, What It Can Do for Your Church"—was delivered by Rev. P. S. Sailer.

The report was adopted, but, on motion of Bro. J. E. West, was reconsidered. Pending further consideration—

Adjourned to Elon College to attend inauguration of President E. L. Moffitt at 11:30 a. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

BURLINGTON, N. C., May 2, 1906.

The Convention met at 8 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the President.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. H. W. Elder.

The following delegates were enrolled: Dr. J. U. Newman and Prof. E. L. Moffitt of the Western N. C. Conference; Rev. J. P. Barrett of the Eastern Virginia Conference; Rev. G. O. Langford of the Alabama Conference; K. B. Johnson of the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

The report of Committee on Christian Endeavor was taken up and referred back to committee. It was re-submitted and adopted, as follows:

REPORT.

Your Committee on Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor report as follows:

We find that at churches where societies are held that they are doing good for the members and also for the churches.

First, we recommend that this Convention elect a Secretary whose duty it shall be to foster and encourage the work in the various conferences composing this body, who shall be a member of C. E. Committee.

Second, in the rural districts where Christian endeavors have not been organized we would suggest the organization of societies and that the prayer meetings be organized under their direction.

Third, that when it is impracticable to organize a senior Christian endeavor we would urge that junior societies be organized to train the young for future service.

C. H. Rowland,
R. S. Petty,
P. S. Sailer,
K. B. Johnson,
J. W. Patton,
Committee.

Bro. J. N. Hess, agent Christian Publishing Association, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. E. M. Snipes, of the M. E. Church, South, and Rev. T. W. Strowd were invited to seats as deliberative members.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was submitted by Rev. J. W. Holt, chairman of the committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

A growing interest is manifest among our people on the subject of Home Missions as is evidenced by more liberal support in the various conferences to Home Mission work. Our people realize as never before that a healthy Home Mission spirit must form the basis of all our church activities if we are to succeed in making progress at home or abroad. Nothing has been done directly by your committee during the past biennium for lack of funds, but we are able to report $812.76 in the hands of the Treasurer of this Convention for Convention Home Mission work.

A number of promising points are calling to us for assistance, among which we note: Greensboro, N. C., Durham, N. C., Henderson, N. C., Portsmouth, South Norfolk, Lambert's Point, Va.

We recommend that the plan projected two years ago for raising Convention Home Mission funds be re-affirmed by this Convention.

We recommend Missionary Aid Societies in local churches; Children's Day and special sermons on Home Missions.

We recommend that a mission board of five members be appointed by this Convention to receive and disburse the Convention Home Mission funds to such points and upon such terms as in their judgment may seem best, and that orders drawn and signed by the chairman and secretary of said board shall be a proper voucher in the hands of the Treasurer of this Convention for the payment of said fund and [last part declared void, not according to Gov., sec.] the Home Mission Committee of this Conventon shall constitute said mission board.

We endorse the Home Mission department in the Christian Sun, the Christian Missionary published at Dayton, Ohio, and heartily commend the work of the Christian Missionary Association.

It is the opinion of your committee that our policy should be to take up some point or points not taken up by any other board or association and prosecute the work as Convention Missions. In this connection we mention Roanoke, Va., Harrisburg, Va., Atlanta, Ga., Winston-Salem, N. C., Roanoke, Ala., as inviting points.

J. W. Holt.
J. E. West.
H. W. Elder.

Address—"The Tithe and Systematic Giving for Missions," by J. E. West.

The report was discussed by the chairman, by Col. J. E. West and by Revs. H. W. Elder, Dr. J. O. Atkinson, J. W. Harrell, and adopted.

Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D.D., President of the Christian Missionary Association, presented the following report:

REPORT OF WORK OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Christian Missionary Association met December 6, 7, 1904, with the Suffolk Christian church and at Liberty Spring church, Nansemond County, December 5, 6, 1905. Both sessions were interesting and the spirit of progress was manifest. The collection for the two years in cash was $2,532.50 Two years ago my report showed a total collection for the two previous years of $2,288.25. This gives us an increase

during the past two years of $244.25 over the two years previous. The annual increase of collection is about $125.00, showing not a large but a steady growth on the part of the association. If to the totals already given are added $800 given by one member of the association and $2,262.13 raised by our missionaries in the field we have a total for the two years of $5,946.63. This amount has been appropriated and expended in developing our work at Newport News, Va., in the Valley of Virginia, and a contribution of $50 to the work of Columbus, Ga. During the two years the three missionaries employed by the association report in their respective fields 80 accessions and 103 conversions. This is a decrease of 9 conversions and 54 accessions over the two years previous. The association now has under its auspices 3 missionaries: One in the Valley of Virginia, at a cost of $300 from the association; at East End Newport News, of $250; and at North End Newport News of $480. Rev. W. T. Walters is laboring with good results and is developing the work at points established in the Valley of Va. Revs. N. G. Newman and M. L. Bryant are employed for their entire time at Newport News, and the outlook at both points is hopeful. All three of the brethren named are doing noble work for our cause, showing great zeal, loyalty and devotion in the work. The interests of our Zion are well cared for in the hands of these faithful, efficient and devoted servants.

While the association is having gradual growth and steady development and sure progress it does not appeal to the brotherhood and sisterhood at large, as the cause that it has at heart deserves. The association being as it is a creature of this Convention and undertaking as it does home missionary work, such as no conference of the Convention can undertake, it should have the hearty endorsement, the sympathetic co-operation and willing support of every member of this Convention and from every conference and church represented.

The need is great. Only those who sacrifice for the association and attend its sessions can realize how pressing are the demands and how meagre are the means to meet them. The association is only doing the very least part of what it might do and of what it can do if the brotherhood at large would give the response that the association and the work deserves.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Atkinson, *Pres. C. M. A.*

The report was discussed by Revs. J. O. Atkinson, D.D., J. L. Foster and W. W. Staley, D.D., and adopted.

Bills for the printing of programs ($6.00) and record book ($1.75) were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. H. E. Rountree.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Burlington, N. C., Thursday, May 3, 1906.

The Convention met at 9:30 a. m. and was called to order by the President. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. D. Harwood.

The report on Orphanage Fund was submitted by Rev. J. L. Foster, Secretary; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

TOTAL REPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE FUND.

	Expenditures.	Collections.
For the year 1897 from February 16	$24.66	$378.38
For the year 1898 "	69.37	660.82
For the year 1899 "	31.77	694.26
For the year 1900 "	27.01	850.31
For the year 1901 "	37.21	852.71
For the year 1902 "	117.14	862.42
For the year 1903 "	152.18	980.91
For the year 1904 "	152.71	808.50
For the year 1905 "	229.33	2,480.86
For the year 1906 to date	54.47	359.86
	$895.85	$8,929.03
Due from Gen'l. Convt., W. C. Wicker note	$91.25	
Paid Treasurer J. A. Mills	7,807.16	
Treas. com. on $4,500, then donated 1 per cent	45.00	
Balance in bank	90.60	
By cash to balance		.83
	$8,929.86	$8,929.86

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Foster, *Secretary.*

Rev. W. S. Long, D.D., chairman of the Orphanage Committee, submitted its report: (1) The charter, "An act to incorporate the Christian Orphanage." (2) The common seal, with inscription, "The Christian Orphanage, in-

corporated 1905, Elon College, North Carolina." (3) The report of the committee under the charter.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That Rev. W. S. Long, Rev. J. L. Foster and Mr. W. J. Lee and their associates and successors be, and they are hereby constituted and declared, a body politic and corporate under the name and style of "The Christian Orphanage," with its principal office and place of business at Elon College, in the county of Alamance and State of North Carolina, and as such shall have perpetual succession and a common seal which they may alter at pleasure, and shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all the courts of this State. And said corporation shall have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the restrictions contained in the Corporation Laws of this State now in force, except as to the time of its existence.

SEC. 2. That said corporation shall have power to lease, purchase, take and receive by gift or devise, and hold in fee simple or lesser estate or estates, all manner of lands, tenements and hereditaments, and shall be capable in law to take, receive and possess all moneys, stocks, bonds, books, goods and chattels which may have been or may hereafter be given to it or to any person or persons for it by deed, devise, bequest or otherwise. A misnomer in any deed, will or other conveyance shall not have the effect to invalidate the conveyance if the corporation shall therein be described with sufficient certainty to identify it, or if the intent of the grantor or testator to make the orphanage the beneficiary shall sufficiently appear on the face of the instrument or otherwise. And said corporation shall have power to bargain, sell, transfer and convey any and all of its real estate and personal property.

SEC. 3. That said corporation shall have power to make and establish such by-laws, rules and regulations for its government and for the government of the orphanage as it may deem wise and necessary, and which are not in conflict with the laws of the land. The trustees shall elect one of their number President and one of their number Secretary, and also a Treasurer; but the Treasurer need not be a trustee. They shall also elect a Superintendent for the orphanage and all such subordinate officers and employees as they may deem wise and necessary, and shall fix their duties and compensation.

SEC. 4. That said corporation shall have the power to receive into its care and custody, at its orphanage at Elon College North Carolina, such orphan children, whether indigent or not, as its trustees may desire to provide for, upon compliance with the rules and regulations

of the institution for its government and control. The trustees shall have the power to make such rules and regulations for receiving and discharging the orphans, committed to the care of the orphanage, as they may deem wise and for the good of the children.

SEC. 5. That when a child is received into the custody and care of the orphanage it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to entice or induce such child to leave or to abduct such child from the control of said orphanage; and any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 6. That the trustees shall have power to place any child received by it and under its care and control in a good home and under the care and tutelage of a suitable person and under such rules and regulations and contracts as they may from time to time establish, or as they may agree upon in any particular case; and in case any child shall be ill treated in any respect the trustees shall have the power to reclaim such child; and for the violation of the contract or for any injury to the child the corporation may maintain an action in the name of the child or in its own name in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

SEC. 7. That this corporation shall be under the supervision and control of the Southern Christian Convention, and said Southern Christian Convention shall have the power to elect the trustees for said corporation in such manner as it may prescribe and fix their terms of office and the manner of filling any vacancy that may occur in said board of trustees; and the said Southern Christian Convention may increase the number of trustees at any time, not exceeding seven (7) in all, and a majority of the trustees shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 8. That the property of said corporation, used for the purpose of maintaining said orphanage, shall not be liable for taxes of any kind.

SEC. 9. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

On motion, the charter was adopted.

On motion, the seal and inscription were adopted.

THE ORPHANAGE.

After visiting many places that were suggested as suitable for the location of the orphanage, and after consulting many friends of the enterprise, the trustees concluded December 27, 1904, to locate the orphanage near Elon College. For this purpose we purchased lots or parcels of land lying adjacent and together, making 112.5 acres.

Lot No. 1, J. J. Lambeth.....	13 acres	$500.00
Lot No. 2, Mrs. John Albright.....	70 acres	1,425.00
Lot No. 3, R. T. Kernodle.....	10.9 acres	160.25
Lot No. 4, W. S. Long.....	5 acres	80.00
Lot No. 5, W. H. Trolinger.....	13.6 acres	244.80
	112.5 acres	$2,410.05

Mr. Lambeth gave a cash donation of $50, and Mrs. Albright one of $150, thus reducing the cost of the site $200—leaving it $2,210.05.

The friends about the college offered a donation of $1,000.

Several considerations induced us to adopt this location:

1. Because, in our judgment, the orphanage can be provided for, in the future, at less expense at this place than at any other.

2. It will be more prominently before our people and the public here than elsewhere.

3. It is in a section of the State in which there is no similar institution near it.

4. It concentrates to a great extent our general enterprises.

The decision of the trustees was submitted to the Executive Committee of this body and received endorsement.

A plan for the main building was adopted April 19, 1905, and let to contractors July 24, 1905. Kirkpatrick Bros., of Burlington, N. C., contracted to furnish brick, lime, etc., and complete the walls according to specifications drawn by the architects at a cost of $9.50 per thousand brick. Nicholson & Lashley, of Graham, N. C., contracted to furnish all material and do all wood work, plaster, paint, etc., for the sum of $5,076.83.

The plan of the building and specifications were drawn by Wheeler, Runge & Dickey, of Charlotte, N. C. These require first-class material and work in all particulars, and the approval of the trustees and architects before final settlement.

The building is of brick, 116 feet by 39 feet, 9 inches; two stories high, a wing 30 by 24 feet, with a basement for laundry, etc. This building stands on a hill, in full view of the college and the North Carolina Railroad. It can be completed and made ready for occupancy within a few weeks.

We have paid Kirkpatrick Bros. $2,830.02, and will owe them less than $200 when their work is complete. We have paid Nicholson & Lashley $2,438.11. When they complete their work we will owe them $2,638.72.

There being no available funds in the treasury to meet these obligations, we have negotiated a loan of $3,000 from an insurance company of Richmond, Va.

A charter for the institution was granted by the Legislature of North Carolina during the session of 1905. This and the several deeds to the lands purchased for the Orphanage have all been recorded. We have also obtained a seal for the Orphanage. The seal and the charter have both been adopted by the trustees.

We did not include the plumbing in the contracts we have entered into, but consider it important that this should be done before the plastering is put on.

We recommend to your consideration and for your guidance the charter herewith presented.

We submit also the seal, deeds, contracts, etc.

W. S. Long,
J. L. Foster.

Address—"The Duty of the Church to the Fatherless and Motherless," by Rev. J. L. Foster.

Discussed by Revs. W. S. Long, D.D., J. D. Wicker, J. W. Wellons, J. F. Burnett, D.D., W. G. Clements, L. I. Cox, after which the report was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Barber, of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Rev. Mr. Upchurch, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Mr. Langston, of the M. E. Church, South, were invited to seats as deliberative members.

Adjourned to hear preaching by Rev. J. P. Barrett, D.D., of Covington, Ohio; subject, "Tarrying for the Vision."

Afternoon Session.

The Convention met and was called to order by the President. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Wicker.

Rev. J. O. Atkinson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention express by vote its thanks to Hon. Josephus Daniels for his full and excellent report of the inaugural ceremonies at Elon College yesterday in to-day's *News and Observer.*

A request from the Mission Board of the American Christian Convention, presented by Rev. J. P. Barrett, D.D., was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Bro. Elijah Moffitt, delegate from the Western N. C. Conference, was enrolled, and J. D. Gunter, also, from the Eastern N. C. Conference.

Rev. N. G. Newman presented a memorial on Foreign Missions from the Eastern Virginia Conference, which was adopted, and the distribution of this call for $1,000, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

A memorial as to church letter, presented by Rev. N. G. Newman, was referred to the following committee: Rev. W. D. Harwood, J. W. Holt, M. W. Butler.

On motion, Dr. J. O. Atkinson, Dr. J. P. Barrett and L. M. Clymer were appointed a committee to report as to requirements of article 7 of the charter of the Orphanage.

Rev. W. M. Butler submitted the "Report of the Secretary of Sunday School Department," which, after considerable discussion, was adopted by items, as follows:

REPORT OF SECRETARY SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

This is a new department of work in this Convention. While Sunday schools have been conducted in many of our churches and Sunday school Conventions have been held in some of our Conferences for many years past, the work has been fragmentary, without any general plan, and in no sense under the direction of this Convention. Two years ago, however, this body created a Sunday School Department and placed it in the hands of a Department Secretary. This Secretary, with no instructions from the Convention and having no Committee or Board with which to counsel, has had to plan the work alone. We have conducted extensive correspondence during the past two years in the work, reaching several times almost every church in this Convention. We have also prepared uniform blanks for the use of schools in reporting to their Conventions, along with a uniform constitution, which have been adopted by many of our Sunday School Conventions. In addition, by authority of the Committee on Publications of this Convention, we have published eighteen issues of *The Young People's Worker* in the interest of the department and of the young people of our church. A file of this publication and the books and accounts of same are open to the inspection of your Committee on Publications. We believe that this department of Christian effort, the Sunday School, is primary, fundamental, and essential to every other church enterprise. We cannot hope, however, to reach a degree of efficiency and to do effective work without organization and some general plan.

STATISTICS.

Eastern Virginia Convention.—39 schools; 414 officers and teachers; 3,169 members enrolled; 18 libraries, of 2,451 volumes. They raised last year $2,050.75.

Eastern North Carolina Convention.—31 schools; 118 classes; 220 officers and teachers; 1,496 pupils, 1,921 enrolled; 8 libraries, of 375 volumes. They raised last year $561.14.

Western North Carolina Convention.—28 schools; 116 classes; 183 officers and teachers; 1,496 pupils; 1,679 enrollment; 7 libraries, of 400 volumes. They raised last year $237.58.

North Carolina and Virginia Convention.—16 schools; 151 officers and teachers; 1,195 enrollment; 5 libraries, of 316 volumes. They raised last year $482.46.

Georgia and Alabama Conference.—450 enrollment. No statistics.

Alabama Conferences.—526 enrollment. No statistics. 1,000 Virginia Valley.

Total number of schools	114
Total officers and teachers	968
Total enrolled	8,924
Libraries	38
Volumes in libraries	3,543
Amount of money raised for year ending July 5, '05	$3,431.93

FINANCE.

M. W. Butler, *Secretary,*

To Sunday School Department, Southern Christian Convention.

1904.		Dr.	Cr.
July 14.	To cash paid by the Eastern N. C. Sunday School Convention	$5.05	
22.	To cash paid by Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention	7.50	
22.	To cash paid by Western N. C. Convention	5.00	
June 10.	By printing 1,000 Report Blanks		$4.00
13.	By printing 1,000 No. 10 envelopes		3.00
13.	By printing 1,000 letter heads		2.50
Aug. 30.	By postage to date		.80
July 13.	By 1,000 Round Table Leaflets		2.50
1905.			
July —.	By postage on blanks		.56
25.	By postage on letters to date		1.75
25.	By cash paid stenographer		.80
1906.			
May 1.	By balance on hand		1.64
		$17.55	$17.55

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend—

1. That a Sunday School Committee of three or five members be created to have charge of the Sunday School work of this Convention, with authority to effect and operate such plans of organization as in their judgment may seem best.

2. That a Secretary be elected, who shall work under the direction of this Sunday School Committee.

3. That neither said Board nor said Secretary shall contract any financial obligation in this work in the name of this Convention.

4. That we pledge to this department of work our loyal support.

Respectfully submitted, M. W. BUTLER,
Secretary S. S. Department.

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SEC. 7, CHARTER OF ORPHANAGE.

1. The election shall be by ballot of this Convention.

2. The number of Trustees shall be seven.

3. The term of office shall be: three for two years, two for four years, and two for six years, beginning from this election, but their successors shall be elected every two years, for a term of six years.

4. In case of vacancy the Executive Committee of this Convention shall nominate two men, from whom the remaining members of the Board of Trustees shall elect a member.

J. O. ATKINSON,
J. P. BARRETT,
L. M. CLYMER,
Committee.

On motion, adopted.

It was moved and carried that seven Trustees for Orphanage be voted for at one time, the two receiving the highest number of votes be elected for six years, the two receiving the next highest number of votes for four years, and the three the next highest for two years, provided they each receive a majority of the votes cast.

The following were elected Trustees of the Orphanage: Hon. W. H. Carroll, L. M. Clymer, for six years; Dr. G. S. Watson, Elijah Moffitt, Esq., for four years; Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D.D., C. D. West, Rev. I. W. Johnson, for two years.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read.

On motion, committees were appointed to nominate delegates to the American Christian Convention: Ministers—N. G. Newman, C. H. Rowland, L. I. Cox, to nominate laymen; laymen—J. E. West, K. B. Johnson, W. H. Carroll, to nominate ministers.

Pending motion to adopt report of Committee on Finance, adjourned.

Night Session.

The Convention met at 8 p. m. and was called to order by the President. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Kitchen.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To Southern Christian Convention:

Your Finance Committee begs leave to report that they have disposed of all the business referred to them by your body, as follows:

1. They have examined the accounts of John A. Mills, Treasurer, showing a balance in his hands on May 1, 1906, of $804.54, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

2. They have examined the accounts of J. L. Foster, Secretary Christian Orphanage Department, showing balance in his hands and in bank to the credit of the fund on April 28, 1906, amounting to $91.43, and find the same correct.

3. We recommend that the following bills be paid by the Treasurer: P. J. Kernodle, for record book, $1.75; The McLeod Press, for programs, $6.00.

Now the Orphanage building is approaching completion, we recommend that, in future, the Secretary, in making his reports to this Convention, begin with the balance as shown by his last report and debit himself, each month, with the amounts received from the children and from special offerings respectively, and credit himself with aggregate expenses and other expenditures and disbursements for the month, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. West,
S. W. Lincoln,
W. H. Carroll,
Committee.

Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D.D., editor of the Christian Sun, and publishing agent, submitted his report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF PUBLISHING AGENT TO THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

Christian Sun.

At the last Convention our report showed on April 22, 1904, 2,046 bona fide subscribers. The number at present is 2,906; distributed as follows: North Carolina, 1,322; Virginia, 1,176; Alabama, 188; Georgia, 97; South Carolina, 4; Ohio, 23; New York, 5; Missouri, 11; Indiana, 10; Florida, 8; Louisiana, 6; Pennsylvania, 8; West Virginia, 5; Massachusetts, Maryland, Tennessee, 4 each; Illinois and Canada, 3 each; Porto Rico, Texas, North Dakota, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Colorado, 2 each; New Hampshire, Cuba, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Maine, Rhode Island, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Michigan, Vermont, 1 each.

While the subscription list shows some increase, the expense of issuing the paper has also considerably increased. Whereas, our report at last Convention showed an expense account of $2,950.56 for issuing *The Christian Sun* the two years prior to that time; it has cost $3,231.00 to issue the paper the past two years. And owing to recent advance in price of printing and material, and also improvement in printing and publishing the paper, the present cost has been increased by one-sixth. That is to say, printing which cost $18.00 two years ago cost $21.00 the past year, and to-day costs $25.00. Collections on *The Sun* for the past two years have been $4,826.53. (Allowing 20 per cent of this amount for expense of collecting and $3,231.00 for issuing the paper, we have a profit for the two years of $630.53.)

The Sun is now printed with better type, on a better quality of paper, and each week more reading matter is given than heretofore. Progress and improvement in every line of modern enterprise necessitate larger expenditure of means and effort. Owing to the restricted field of a denominational organ, it is impossible for one man to meet the growing demands and keep the paper abreast of the times. No one man can by his own efforts conduct successfully any church enterprise. Co-operation is absolutely essential. This for the reason that every enterprise of church is more or less an enterprise of charity, of unselfishness, and of brotherly love. Much depends, of course, in the conduct of the church paper upon the editor: more depends upon the willingness of the brotherhood to lend their sympathetic co-operation to his efforts. I find the work of editing the paper a most interesting and fascinating labor.

My only regret is my inability to give to the church such a paper as its intelligence, loyalty and increasing numbers and progressive attitude demand. I have sometimes contented myself, possibly too often, with the thought that I should accomplish more if, by some induement of grace, or power of personality, I might be able to cause my brethren of the ministry, particularly the pastors, who have influence with and can reach the people, to take a more lively interest in their church organ. Experience and observation have proven conclusively to my mind that a church paper will be as large as, and no larger than, the pastors who do the effectual work in the field. Paper and pastor go together. The strong arm of the editor is the interested and sympathetic pastor. His strength is gone when this arm is paralyzed by unconcern and indifference.

The Christian Sun at present has departments pertaining to all the enterprises of the church: missions, home and foreign, Sunday School, Elon College, church work and the Orphanage. Add to these some editorial work and, above all, valuable contributions of the brotherhood and we give to you at present about thirty columns of reading matter each week, upon machine finish, book paper and with large and easy print. Allow me to express my heartfelt appreciation for the many favors received from the brotherhood in general during the past two years and for the enthusiastic interest of the many pastors. Withal, it has been a service of love and the work has been far more agreeable than I have had any reason to expect.

BOOK DEPOSITORY.

Since the decision of the Convention in 1900 there has been conducted a book depository in connection with *The Christian Sun* office. The sales of religious books, of our publications and of Bibles in particular, and the large saving to the brotherhood at large have proven the wisdom of the Convention in establishing this department. Bibles are furnished cheaper than they can be bought by the consumer directly from the publisher, and religious books, church and Sunday School song books are supplied at the very lowest catalogue prices. The sales the past two years have amounted to about $800.00. Among the books now on deposit are Bibles and Testaments from Nelson, Oxford, and Holman publishing houses, a collection of half dozen variety of Sunday School song books, Christian Hymnary for use in our churches, Wellon's Family Prayer, Mother's Answered Prayer, by Rev. P. H. Fleming; Scripture Doctrine, by J. J. Summerbell; Fruit Bearing Truths; and Iola or Facing the Truth, by Rev. J. P. Barrett, D.D.; Herbert Brown, by Rev. O. B. Whitaker; That They All May Be One, by Amos R. Wells; Our Children in Heaven, by Rev. James Maple; Government and Principles of the Christian Church, and some other smaller publications. In addi-

tion, we have an arrangement with publishers whereby we can secure at a reduced price any book of religious topic published in our language.

Of Government and Principles we have sold since our last report, April 23, 1904:

Cloth 29, at 50 cents	$14.50	
Morocco 2, at 75 cents	1.50	
Paper 141, at 10 cents	14.10	
Total	$30.10	
By commission, 15 per cent		$4.38
By postage		5.26
By amt. for binding (paper)		15.03
Total,		$24.67
May 3, 1906, ck. to J. A. Mills, Treasurer		5.43
Balance,		$30.10

Books on hand, morocco	10
Books on hand, cloth	2
Books on hand, paper	217

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Atkinson.

Elon College, N. C., May 3, 1906.

The report of the Committee on Publications was submitted by the chairman, Prof. E. L. Moffitt:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

To the Southern Christian Convention, in session at Burlington, N. C.:

During the past two years your committee has had only one matter claiming its attention—Rev. M. W. Butler, in June, 1904, asked the privilege of publishing a Sunday school monthly, "without in anywise making the Publication Committee responsible for a penny of the cost or expense of such publication." He further stated that "funds necessary to guarantee the publication and continuance of such paper are at hand." Acting upon these assurances your committee authorized Bro. Butler to issue said paper—neither the committee nor the Convention to be in any way responsible for the expense or obligations of the same. As a result of this action Bro. Butler started the Sunday School Worker which is known to all or most of you. The paper has been a very creditable publication, but has not been issued regularly since its establishment.

We recommend that a conference letter be prepared embodying all the information desired by this Convention concerning the work of the conferences, and that the various conference secretaries be requested to fill out same and report to the Convention at each biennial session. We suggest the following items to be embodied in said letter: No. churches, No. ministers, No. members. amt. paid for Home Missions, amt. paid for Foreign Missions, amt. paid for Convention Missions, amt. paid for Elon College Fund, amt. paid for Ministerial Education, amt. paid for Superannuated Fund, amt. paid for other purposes, No. Sunday schools, No. S. S. scholars, No. S. S. libraries, amt. contributed for S. S. purposes, officers, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer.

No progress has been made in the publication of the Christian Hymnary, word edition, which work Mr. W. P. Lawrence has had in charge for some time. He writes us, under date of April 17, 1906: "I have over five hundred of the hymns electrotyped and in boxes in the Elon post-office. If the Convention would do so I should like for it to buy my interest in them. I will take $50 for them, this being about 65 per cent of cost to me."

We present this proposition without definite recommendation, but it is our desire that this Convention take some definite action in regard to the matter.

We most heartily endorse the Christian Sun under its present able and efficient management. We believe that it is a most worthy exponent of the Christian church and that it should receive an even larger support than it now has. It stands in the front rank with the best church papers in this country, and gives indication of continued improvement.

We endorse the Herald of Gospel Liberty and the Christian Missionary as able representatives of our general church and mission work respectively.

We recommend that the Convention publish its minutes in more permanent form than by simple insertion in the Sun as was done in regard to the minutes of last session, as in this form it is almost impossible to preserve the records. We also recommend that the minutes of our last session be printed with those for this year.

We recommend that the Book Depository be continued under the management of Dr. J. O. Atkinson as formerly, and that our people avail themselves more largely of its service in the purchase of their books.

E. L. Moffitt,
I. W. Pritchard,
P. H. Fleming,
L. I. Cox,
C. C. Peel.

Address—"The Religious Weekly: Its Place and Power," by Rev. J. O. Atkinson.

The report of the committee was discussed by Prof. E. L. Moffitt, Revs. J. L. Foster, M. W. Butler, W. G. Clements, J. W. Holt, J. T. Kitchen, W. T. Walters, M. L. Bryant, W. C. Wicker, Dr. J. F. Burnett, Dr. J. P. Barrett, and Col. J. E. West. The report was adopted.

On motion, it was ordered that Rev. J. O. Atkinson, publishing agent, publish a conference letter as indicated in the above report on publications.

The report of the President and Secretary as to the purchase and lease of the Christian Sun to Rev. J. O. Atkinson, was read and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF PURCHASE AND LEASE OF CHRISTIAN SUN.

The President and Secretary carried out Convention instructions in the matter of purchase of Christian Sun from Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D.D., and lease to him of the same. He was paid $600 on the purchase price of $2,300, leaving Convention in debt to him $1,700, to be paid in ten yearly installments of $170, plus interest, and one of these installments has been paid.

It was leased to Dr. Atkinson for $138 per year, or 6 per cent on the valuation of the property—$2,300.

LEASE OF THE SUN.

This contract between the Southern Christian Convention, of the first part, and Rev. J. O. Atkinson, editor, of the second part, witnesseth:

That the said Southern Christian Convention does hereby lease to the said J. O. Atkinson, editor, the Christian Sun, including the name, subscription list, good will, mailing galleys for a period of two years from June 25, 1904, to June 25, 1906, and J. O. Atkinson, editor, promises to pay to the said Southern Christian Convention one hundred and thirty-eight dollars per year for the use of said property known as the Christian Sun as a rental charge, or at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on the value of the said Christian Sun, which value is fixed at twenty-three hundred dollars, and this rental charge shall become due on the 25th day of June of each year.

This contract between the Southern Christian Convention and J. O. Atkinson, editor, is made this 25th day of June, 1904.

W. W. Staley, *President.*
P. J. Kernodle, *Secretary.*
J. O. Atkinson, *Editor.*

On motion, Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D.D., was elected editor of the Christian Sun and Publishing Agent for two years.

On motion, the Christian Sun was leased to Rev. J. O. Atkinson for two years on same terms as the past two years.

The Committee to Nominate Ministerial Delegates to the American Christian Convention reported the following, which report was adopted:

We, your committee, submit the following names:

W. S. Long, D.D., D. A. Long, D.D., J. P. Barrett, D. D., L. F. Johnson, N. G. Newman, J. W. Harrell, I. W. Johnson, P. S. Sailer, J. O. Atkinson, D. D., W. T. Herndon, J. W. Holt, P. H. Fleming, C. C. Peel, L. I. Cox, E. M. Carter, W. G. Clements, J. L. Foster, C. H. Rowland, R. H. Peel, W. T. Walters, J. T. Kitchen, H. W. Elder, M. W. Butler, G. R. Underwood, J. W. Wellons.

Alternates.—Any minister from this Convention present shall act as alternate for any absent delegate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. West,
K. B. Johnson,
W. H. Carroll,
Committee.

The Committee to Nominate Lay Delegates to the American Christian Convention, reported as follows, which report was adopted:

We, your committee, present the following nominations:

Judge J. F. West, T. J. Haskins, W. D. Wall, Col. J. E. West, S. W. Lincoln, G. W. Rothgeb, J. C. Bradford, M. J. W. White, A. T. Holland, B. D. Jones, J. A. Kimball, J. Beale Johnson, Col. E. E. Holland, W. K. Holt, K. B. Johnson, O. S. Woods, Dr. J. W. Manning, Walker Pearson, C. D. West, W. L. Harward, E. Moffitt, Hon. W. H. Carroll, L. M. Clymer, Prof. P. J. Kernodle, J. A. Mills.

Respectfully submitted,

N. G. Newman,
L. I. Cox,
C. H. Rowland,
Committee.

On motion, it was decided to allow any lay delegate to appoint his own alternate.

Adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—Morning Session.

Burlington, N. C., Friday, May 4, 1906.

The Convention met and was called to order by the President. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. T. Walters.

On motion, Prof. Robert Ramey was invited to a seat as a deliberative member.

Rev. P. H. Fleming read invitation from Superintendent of Burlington Graded School to visit the school. It was ordered that the Secretary respond to the invitation.

The report of the Committee on Schools and Colleges was submitted by Rev. W. W. Staley, D.D., chairman:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Modern theories of education are being judged by their fruits. Public sentiment revolts against foot-ball as the fruit of athletics, and return to saner exercises for grace and strength is promised by the great schools.

The reduction of all study to present scientific methods has resulted in destructive criticism, a pulpit without heart, and a doubting church. The universities have cultivated love of sport, unbelief in spiritual realities and a self-assertion that mocks learning and ignores God. Reaction has already set in as seen in the expressed purpose of great universities to control inter-collegiate games and to exercise some discipline over American youth. It had come to pass that athletic associations controlled the universities, and the spirit of resistance to law and authority had crept into all institutions and made discipline a mere form. College communities ought to be the most law-abiding of all, because they determine the quality of American citizenship. Students ought not to have liberties that would not be tolerated in well-ordered and policed communities.

Denominational colleges stand for the best known college order because the religious motive is added to the civic motive in the regulation of student life. Gratitude to God prompts us to report again upon the history and prospects of Elon College, the only institution under the care of this Convention, and which is the expression of our educational purpose and endeavor. This College has nothing to recommend it but its simple earnest work. It has focused the educational spirit of our constituency, and it has returned many students to places of usefulness and honor in the local communities of our church-life.

The following pages will, in part, set forth the history of Elon College for fifteen years, a history that challenges comparison with any institution of like origin and purpose.

History of Earnings from Tuition, and Salaries Paid Faculty, from Opening, September 2, 1890, to June 7, 1905. Entire Period of Fifteen Years.

Year.	Booked.	Collected.	Salaries.	Salaries Paid.	Salaries Overpaid.	Salaries Unpaid.
1890-91	$2,216.85	$2,206.85	$2,206.85	$2,206.85	----------	----------
1891-92	4,061.72	2,957.68	3,932.50	2,831.50	----------	$1,101.00
1892-93	5,857.07	4,184.42	4,757.50	3,950.66	----------	806.64
1893-94	4,387.46	3,131.47	5,550.00	3,032.93	----------	2,517.07
1894-95	4,378.12	3,570.53	3,850.00	4,787.31	$937.31	----------
1595-96	4,329.85	3,195.51	4,250.00	4,561.97	311.97	----------
1896-97	4,297.30	4,020.32	4,076.00	4,457.55	381.55	----------
1897-98	1,803.63	2,107.44	4,300.00	6,368.46	2,068.46	----------
1898-99	3,385.10	4,300.00	4,300.00	5,025.62	725.62	----------
1899-00	4,361.96	3,179.57	4,100.00	3,275.08	----------	824.92
1900-01	4,961.62	3,610.72	3,950.00	3,769.60	----------	180.40
1901-02	4,785.00	3,932.80	4,100.00	4,900.00	----------	----------
1902-03	5,717.00	3,987.72	4,250.00	4,455.00	800.32	----------
1903-04	6,135.66	4,609.04	5,400.00	5,400.00	205.00	----------
1904-05	6,896.11	4,260.39	5,750.00	5,750.00	----------	----------
Totals	67,564.45	53,254.26	64,772.35	64,772.85	5,430.23	5,430.23
Averages	4,504.29	3,550.25	4,318.19	4,318.19	----------	----------

Total uncollected in fifteen years	$14,310.19
Average uncollected per year	954.01
Total Deficit in fifteen years	11,518.59
Average Deficit per year	767.90

The average receipts from tuition for fifteen years lack nearly $800 to pay salaries.

MATRICULATIONS AND HISTORY OF STUDENT BODY FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 1890, TO JUNE 7, 1905.

Year.	Number Males.	Number Females.	Total Attendance.	Graduates.	Music.	Ministerial Students.	Art Department.	Commercial Department.
1890-91	71	34	105	3	21	10	9	------
1891-92	63	49	112	1	24	10	12	------
1892-93	76	53	129	10	22	16	15	------
1893-94	69	33	102	8	17	12	10	------
1884-95	69	48	117	6	20	12	10	------
1895-96	86	49	135	10	21	14	11	------
1896-97	77	33	110	2	15	14	6	------
1897-98	54	81	85	7	8	13	3	------
1898-99	56	41	97	12	28	13	5	------
1899-00	80	49	129	5	44	15	4	28
1900-01	94	54	148	7	35	13	9	22
1901-02	62	60	122	8	40	10	9	25
1902-03	81	51	132	5	48	11	17	23
1903-04	60	59	119	10	54	16	17	21
1904-05	82	51	133	13	49	13	17	22
Total	1,080	695	1,775	107	446	192	163	141
Average	72	46	118	7	29	12	10	23

The average in Matriculations, Departments and Graduates has remained nearly stationary for the last two years; but there has been an encouraging increase during the present scholastic year.

CASH RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES, AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES BY YEARS, FROM JUNE 7, 1894, TO JUNE 7, 1905.

Year.	Receipts.	Disbursements.
1894-95	$9,121.69	$9,035.26
1895-96	10,702.50	10,831.04
1896-97	7,437.15	7,350.68
1897-98	7,940.25	8,129.29
1898-99	3.670.61	3,335.50
1899-00	6,931.13	6,931.13
1900-01	4,458.14	5.528.38
1901-02	36,723.70	34,459.90
1902-03	8,017.00	6,473.03
1903-04	19,664.74	19,864.91
1904-05	7,470.95	7,056.84
Totals	122,137.86	118,995.96
Averages	11,103.44	10,817.81

FINANCIAL HISTORY OF DORMITORY FOR YOUNG LADIES FOR EIGHT YEARS, FROM JUNE, 1897. TO JUNE, 1005.

Year.	No.	Receipts	Expenses.	Loss.	Gain.
1897–98	11	$7.135.29	$1,169.80	$34.51	.....
1898–99	14	1,434.33	1,375.03	.....	$59.30
1899–00	19	1,901.00	1,782.74	.....	118.26
1900–01	31	2,859.29	2,683.79	.....	175.50
1901–02	34	2,942.95	2,938.23	.....	4.72
1902–03	28	2,514.88	2,583.21	68.33	.....
1903–04	35	3,244.90	3,163.08	.....	81.82
1904–05	33	2,622.45	2,670.10	47.65	.....
Totals	205	18,655.09	18,365.98	150.49	439.60
Averages	25	2,331.88	2,295.75	18.81	54.94

A hard winter last year and sickness increased expenses and caused small loss at the dormitory; but it has paid expenses and left small gain during the eight years of its operation.

We hope the new dormitory with larger capacity and better equipment will make this department a source of revenue as well as increase the attendance of young lady students. The new dormitory will be modern and up-to-date and will cost, probably, $20,000. It will enhance the college property in appearance, in utility and in the permanence of its institutional influence. The Convention is pledged to the support of these long-needed improvements, and we hope the future may reward all effort and faith in the direction of developing a college of great force and efficiency in the field of Christian education.

INSURANCE.

The following insurance paid for five years is carried on the college property:

On main building	$19,000.00
On furniture	1,000.00
On dormitory	3,000.00
On furniture in dormitory	1,000.00
Total,	$24,000.00

ENDOWMENT.

Loan on real estate security, Durham, N. C.	$500.00
Western Union Telegraph stock, 295 shares par	29,500.00
Total invested endowment	$30,000.00

The stock pays 5 per cent dividends in quarterly installments and the real estate loan 6 per cent semi-annually, and the net annual income from endowment is $1,505.

We re-affirm our confidence in the wisdom of the Convention in perpetuating the call upon the conferences for a fixed sum from each per year to Elon College. It has not been paid in full by all the conferences, but it has by some of them. In 1904 and 1905 $1,350 was paid each year by the conferences, and we suggest that conference officials and pastors of churches cultivate this collection until the full sum of $1,800 is paid every year. The needs of the institution are so great and this method of help is so easy that we believe it should be cultivated till all the conferences pay in full.

The following is the apportionment:

Eastern Virginia Conference	$700.00
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	350.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference	350.00
Western North Carolina Conference	300.00
Georgia and Alabama Conference	25.00
Virginia Valley Central Conference	50.00
Alabama Conference	25.00
Total,	$1,800.00

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees last June, 1905, Rev. W. W. Staley, who had served as President of Elon College for eleven years, 1894-1905, resigned and Prof. E. L. Moffitt, M.A., was chosen as his successor. The increase in patronage justifies the hope that the new administration will be prosperous, and we commend President Moffitt to the confidence and support of the entire Convention.

We recommend that the Board of Trustees of the college be urged to provide for the establishment of a chair of Biblical studies as soon as in their wisdom the expense of such a department can be maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Staley,
E. E. Holland,
W. S. Long,
W. G. Clements,
J. O. Atkinson,
J. F. West.

Suffolk, Va., April 26, 1906.

Address—"The Christian College in Its Relation to National Life," by Prof. E. L. Moffitt, President of Elon College, North Carolina.

The report was adopted.

On motion, there was appointed a committee of three to nominate Trustees of Elon College, viz.: Rev. N. G. Newman, J. O. Atkinson, D.D., and Hon. W. H. Carroll.

On motion, Rev. J. L. Foster was re-elected Secretary of the Children's Christian Orphanage Fund.

Rev. W. T. Walters offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention are due to Dr. W. S. Long, Capt. W. J. Lee and Rev. J. L. Foster for their services in connection with the Christian Orphanage.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees for Elon College reported as follows, which was adopted:

We, your committee, nominate as Trustees for Elon College the following:

W. W. Staley, W. C. Iseley, J. W. Wellons, G. S. Watson, M.D., K. B. Johnson, S. W. Lincoln, H. W. Elder, I. W. Pritchard, C. C. Peel, G. W. Truitt.

Respectfully submitted,

N. G. Newman,
W. H. Carroll,
J. O. Atkinson,
Committee.

The following resolution, offered by Judge J. F. West, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, that the Treasurer return to P. J. Kernodle his note of $100, and that he be paid $25 as per agreement, the same having been complied with. J. F. West.

Adjourned to hear preaching by Rev. D. A. Long, D.D., LL.D., of Graham, N. C.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention met, the President in the chair. Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. W. Patton.

Col. J. E. West, in accordance with the plan suggested in the President's address, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that an annual Thanksgiving offering from all the 200 churches and Sunday schools be taken. That the Secretary of this department have printed 20,000 good manilla coin envelopes and send them to pastors for their churches, with a circular letter to each pastor, also a blank for report to the Secretary when the offering is returned to him. That these envelopes be numbered No. 1 the first year, No. 2 the second year, etc. That the cost be made an expense charge on the funds of the department.

Discussed by Revs. W. W. Staley, D.D., J. L. Foster, J. P. Barrett, D. D., and adopted.

Rev. N. G. Newman, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, submitted its report, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Christian church is operating through its Mission Board in two foreign fields—Japan and Porta Rica.

JAPAN.

This work is eighteen years old, well established and will, within reasonable time become self-perpetuating. There are eight missionaries on the field and seven ordained Japanese ministers, besides other native workers. The work is divided into four fields, as follows: Tokio, Rev. A. D. Wordworth in charge; Utsunomiya, Rev. E. C. Fry; Ishinomaki, Miss Alice True; Sendai, Rev. E. K. McCord. These are all in central Japan and centers of a great population, Tokio alone having a population nearly equal to that of North Carolina. We have no statistics showing the exact increase for the two years, but the last annual report showed an increase over that of the previous year as follows: Missionaries 1, Bible women 1, other native helpers 8, outposts 21, church members 18, Sunday schools 2. Sunday school scholars 152, scholars in training school 5, native contributions 363.68 yen.

PRESENT STATUS.

Missionaries	8
Japanese ordained ministers	7
Other native helpers	8
Bible women	4
Churches	8
Stations	4
Outposts	21
Church members	513

Sunday schools	20
Sunday school scholars	1,451
Bible training schools	1
Scholars in same	10
Baptisms (for two years)	159
Native contributions (for two years)	761.90 yen

PORTA RICA.

The mission in Porta Rica is five years old and seems to be in a prosperous condition. There are four missionaries on the field, Rev. D. P. Barrett and wife, and Rev. T. E. White and Miss Jennie Mishler. The work is divided into two fields, Ponce and Salinas. Rev. D. P. Barrett is in charge of the former and Rev. T. E. White the latter. The increase for the year ending July, 1905, is as follows: Churches 1, preaching points 7, church members 28, Sunday schools 2, Sunday school scholars 60, native contributions $74.50.

PRESENT STATUS.

Missionaries	4
Native helpers	3
Churches	5
Stations and out stations	22
Church members	82
Sunday schools	8
Scholars in same	320

The cost to the Mission Board of the Japan work for the biennium has been $14,100. That in Porta Rica is now costing the board about $4,000 per annum. The reports of the churches composing this Convention show $2,010.53 raised for Foreign Missions since the last session. $3,176.07 in addition has been raised by special offerings from individual churches, making a total of $5,186.60.

The opportunities both in Japan and Porta Rica are greater than can be met. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." We need more men on the field and more money for their support and equipments for the work. We urge upon our people the study of the word of God touching the great commission, the subject of Christian giving, and that of personal responsibility for souls without the gospel.

We recommend the apportionment of $2,050.00 per annum [which is the same as heretofore paid, with $550 added] to be raised under the head of Foreign Missions as follows: Eastern Virginia Conference $740, North Carolina and Virginia Conference $370, Western N. C. Conference $360, Eastern N. C. Conference $350, Virginia Valley Central Conference $90, Alabama Conference $80, Georgia and Alabama Conference $60. This to be proportioned 49 per cent to Foreign Mis-

sions, 22 per cent to Home Missions and Education each, and 7 per cent to A. C. C.

We have considered the request of the Mission Board presented through Dr. J. P. Barrett and referred to us, viz.: that this Convention raise the sum of $250 by October 1, 1906, to aid said board in discharging its debt of $1,600. We recommend that Rev. J. W. Harrell, the District Secretary for the Southern Christian Convention, be instructed to continue the special call he is now making to the churches of the Southern Christian Convention until October 1, 1906, or until the $250 asked for shall be raised, and that all money now in his hands and all unpaid pledges hereafter collected be a part of the said $250.

Respectfully submitted.

N. G. Newman.
I. W. Johnson.
J. W. Harrell.
R. H. Peel.

Address—"Our Needs and Opportunities," by Rev. J. W. Harrell, of Portsmouth, Va.

The report was discussed by Revs. N. G. Newman, J. O. Atkinson, D.D., J. P. Barrett, D.D., W. G. Clements, J. W. Harrell, C. C. Peel, W. T. Walters, W. D. Harward, P. S. Sailer, M. L. Hurley, Col. J. E. West, President E. L. Moffitt. The Secretary was directed to prorate the amount added.

Adjourned.

Night Session.

The Convention met—President in the chair.

Col. J. E. West moved that it is the sense of this Convention that Porto Rico is Foreign and not Home Missions, which motion was adopted.

The petition of the committee from Elon College Church for a lot on the campus on which to build a church was, on motion, referred to the Trustees with authority to act.

It was moved and carried that a committee of five be appointed to prepare a plan of organization for Women's Missionary Societies. Committee: Revs. W. G. Clements, P. H. Fleming, L. F. Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Carroll, Mrs. J. O. Atkinson.

Rev. W. D. Harward offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, that we express by a rising vote our most hearty thanks to the members and friends of the Burlington Christian church for the kind and hospitable way in which they have entertained the Convention. W. D. Harward.

The hour having arrived, business was suspended to hear preaching by Rev. J. F. Burnett, D.D., of Muncie, Ind.

The Committee on Church Letter, made its report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF REVISION OF BLANK FOR CHURCH LETTER.

Report of.....Christian church to the..... Conference for the conference year beginning.....19...., and ending.....19....

Pastor..... Address.....

CHURCH STATISTICS.

No. reported last session.....	.....	Withdrawn	.....
Received since last session	.....	Died	.....
Dismissed by letter	.....	Expelled	.....
Suspended	.....	Present membership	.....
		Value of church property.....	.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

No. of officers and teachers.....	.....	Volumes in library.....	.....
No. of pupils	.....	Amount of money raised.....	.....
Total number in school.....	.....		

FINANCES.

	Promised.	Paid.
Pastor	.....	.....

	Apportioned.	Paid.		Apportioned.	Paid.
Foreign Missions.....	.....	.....	Special for Home Missions	.....	.....
Minister'l Education	.....	.....	Special for Foreign Missions	.....	.....
Superannuated Fund	.....	.....	Orphanage Fund.....	.....	.....
Conference Fund.....	.....	.....	Other Purposes	.....	.....
Convention Fund	.....	.....	Total.....	.....	.....
Elon College Fund ...	.....	.....			
Convention Missions	.....	.....			
Christian Miss. Asso.	.....	.....			

Secretary.

Address: